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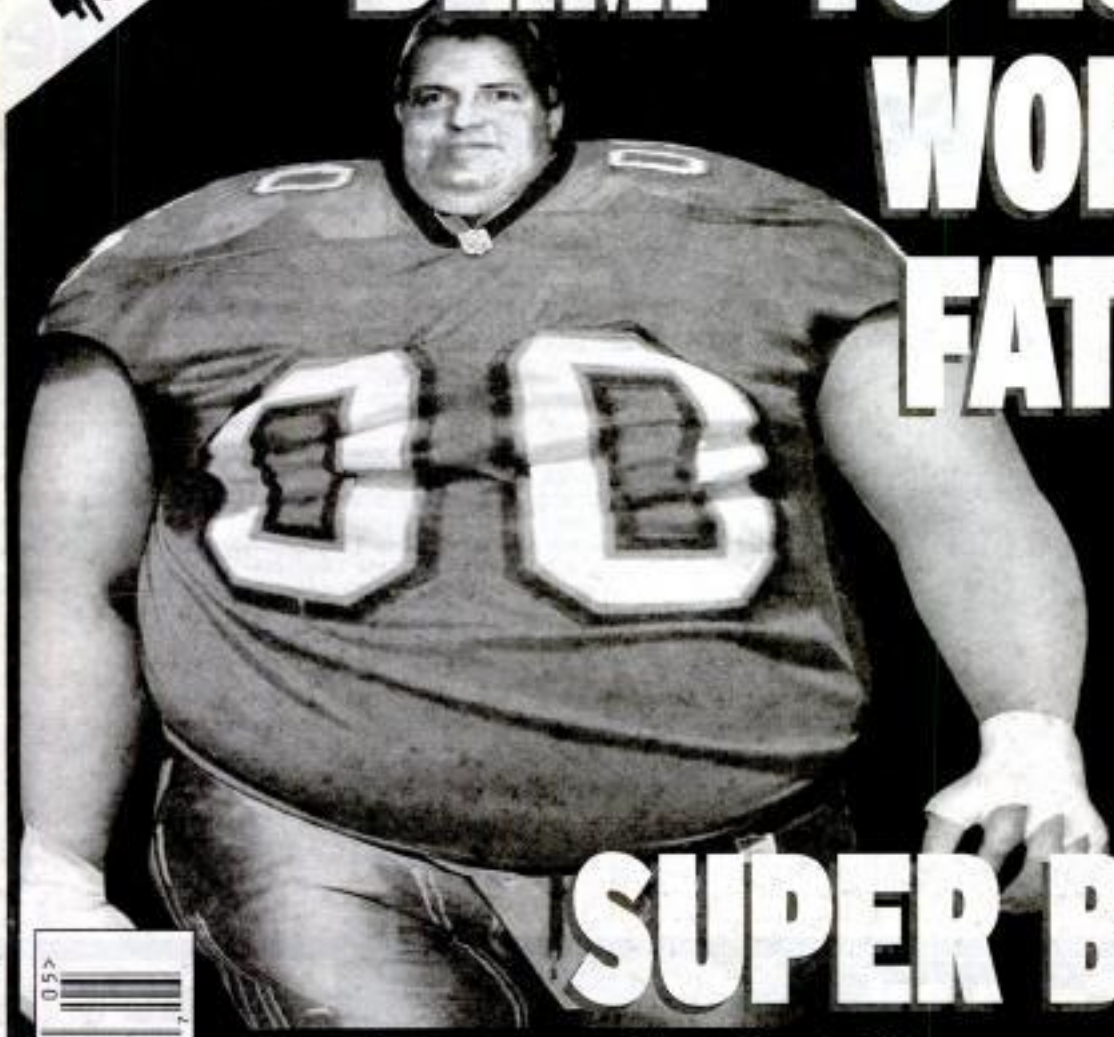

Engineers insist it CAN be done!

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BONELESS

Miracle tot lives in a bucket – and she couldn't be happier

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Little Tara Jurtens is the world's most amazing baby. She was born without a single bone in her body, yet she's the picture of health!

By VICKIE YORK
Weekly World News

Tiny 6-month-old Tara is a happy, affectionate tot who "loves to giggle, get bear hugs and listen to Barney songs," her delighted parents say.

"Tara is twice as cuddly as any baby you've ever held in your arms — she feels like a soft rag doll," says her mother Randi, 26. "Also, because she has no bones, she's light as a feather, which makes it real easy to carry her around."

According to her parents, the amazing boneless baby can also:

- Slither down a flight of stairs just like a Slinky.
- Wiggle between the bars in her crib — a span of just four inches.
- Squeeze easily into a plastic bucket, a convenience that keeps her safe from danger while unattended and gives her mom a quick-and-easy way to cart her around.
- Roll herself into a perfect sphere, triangle or any other shape.
- Fall onto a cement floor from a height of 7 feet 6½ inches without breaking anything.

LOOK MA — NO SPINE! Little Tara slithers down the staircase to her mother.

Doctors make no bones about the fact that Tara's case is truly baffling.

"Tara has no skeleton — she was born without any of the 206 bones that are normally found in the human body," confirms Berlin-based orthopedic surgeon Dr. Fritz Holtzman, a world-renowned specialist who has examined the child.

"We believe she lacks a gene necessary for synthesizing calcium in sufficient quantities to manufacture bone.

"It's not that rare for an infant to be born missing a few bones — but for a child to have a birth defect this severe, yet have a normally functioning heart and brain, is remarkable.

"Tara's survival is a genuine medical

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Coma gal wakes up to $28,000 total bill!

20 great reasons to stay POOR!

World's wildest optical illusions!

BABY

BABY TARA in her bucket — safe and sound!

miracle."

Dr. Holtzman said the only similar case in medical literature is that of a Dutch boy born in 1872 who was exhibited in his teen years as the "Living Scarecrow."

"Although he had no bones except one tibia, he developed muscles so strong that he was able to flail around to music," the German expert said. "He retired as a millionaire, married, had six normal children and lived to the ripe old age of 86."

Having no bones does present serious difficulties, however.

"The skeleton serves to anchor the major muscles as well as being a protective cage for the body's internal organs," Dr. Holtzman explained. "Tara won't be able to walk and will be at increased risk for lung and heart injuries in the future."

Experts hope that some day it may be possible to outfit Tara with artificial bones. But for now, her parents are more than satisfied with their boneless bundle of joy.

"Tara is a little angel," Randi says. "My husband and

RANDI JURTENS holds her beautiful boneless baby, who hangs on her arm like wet laundry on a clothesline.

This one

Letters to the Editor

Write to: Editor, Weekly World News, 5401 NW Broken Sound Blvd. Boca Raton, Fla. 33487 or e-mail at: editor@weeklyworldnews.com

Sirs: Your recent article regarding my award-winning Elvis Presley statue currently on loan to the city of Tel Aviv is both inaccurate and offensive to all sculptors. In the first place, it should be duly noted that my statues have never gained weight in the past and I do not see any reason why this one should be gaining weight now. Designed in 1980, as the, "NBC Special-era Elvis," my original work weighed exactly 170 pounds. Your report from the Israeli Institute of Paranormal Studies that the Elvis statue has gained considerable weight from the uncontrolled consumption of "Lox, bagels, brisket, gefilte fish, knishes, kugel, lathes, you name it" is impossible to believe.

Due to their extremely high cholesterol content, no statue could survive 20 years while consuming such foods.

Robert Kinsesensy,
Artist in Residence,
Celebrity Sculpting School
Kaleidescope, Calif.

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Sirs: As President of the Society of Three Breasted Women, I find your depiction of Kimberly Shariff a complete outrage. With over 11,000 three breasted women currently in the workplace, to single out Mrs. Shariff as somehow, "unusual," is both unfair and unkind. Former President Clinton obviously had many "two breasted women" to choose from for interns. Mr. Clinton is to be commended, not condemned for his open mindedness in this matter.

Harriot W. Nipsky
President, STBW
Washington, D.C.

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Sirs: Please remit the previously requested $737 as the agreed upon weekly per diem for our client, Bat Boy.

Hans Schriersl
William Morris Agency
Beverly Hills, Calif.

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Sirs: I predict I'll end up on a pile of doggie doo at some point in my short lifetime.

Edgar Cayce
Reborn as Psychic Fly
Curbside, Pa.

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Sirs: In your January 15 issue, Ed Anger suggested that every man should have two wives. I find this obscene. Perverse. Idiotic. I personally have seven and they still cannot do the necessary chores around my cave.

Mullah Omar
Cave #19
Tora Bora, Afghanistan

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Sirs: For the record, I was Thomas Jefferson's gay lover. There I said it. Damn you all.

Merriwether Lewis
Explorer's Club
Afterlife, Ore.

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Sirs: Enough already. Bat Boy is not, I repeat NOT my cousin.

Alfred E. Neuman
Mad Magazine
432 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

PRESIDENT George W. Bush couldn't believe his eyes when he picked up last week's copy of the Weekly World News and found the story about former President Clinton.

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Petite and perky Penny Lane — yes, she WAS named after a Beatles song — performs what she calls "my daily meditation on the beach." To the untrained eye, Penny looks for all the world to be hamming it up for the camera in a teeny weeny bikini. But who are WE to judge! For the geography buffs out there, Penny hails from Liverpool, England — home of the rock stars who wrote the song she was named after!

For gals & gay guys!

9 surefire tips to keep your man from roving

WASHINGTON — Gals and gay men who want to hang on to their guys had better forget about keeping the house tidy or whipping up yummy dinners.

By RICHARD STEIN
Weekly World News

The key to keeping a man coming back for more is to keep yourself looking good, says a top European fashion model.

No man wants to come home to a gal — or his gay lover — if they look like a scrubwoman.

"I just make a point of looking after my best assets," said French cover girl Maria LeClair. "It's like an insurance policy.

"Take care of yourself — and he will take care of you."

Here are her other tips for keeping a man from straying:

1 Flattery is the best policy. Make a fuss over your guy picking out his good points and praising on them.

Even if your man's a fat blimp, he has to have some attractive feature. "It might be his hair, his smile or his eyes. Tell him he looks great."

2 Never chew your nails. Guys may not mention your nails, but they notice them. And the one thing no man likes is a hand with chewed-up fingernails.

3 Be careful how you talk. Guys like sweethearts — male or female — who look like ladies and ACT like ladies. You might think you're cool letting out a curse word or two, but your man will think you've got no class.

4 Makeup is fine, but the Tammy Faye Bakker look is a no-no. Men want to see the REAL you.

5 If you're single, don't start giving your guy "baby talk." Telling him how much you like kids and how you'd love to have a family of your own is likely to give your man roaming feet.

Trapping a man into marriage or a full-time relationship is fine, but making him feel trapped by talking about kids and family is bound to make him start looking around for a less demanding lover.

6 Never tell your man about your past conquests. No guy wants to be part of a long list, especially when it concerns his sweetie.

He wants you to look good to other guys, but he doesn't want to know that he's the last in a long line to hold your hand.

7 Be sexy, but don't be a tramp. Showing him all the goodies all the time leaves nothing to the imagination — and a definite NO.

8 Keep him laughing. A good sense of humor is more attractive than a thigh-high slit in a skirt or really tight pants.

Being funny will relax him and make him want to be around you. And don't forget to laugh at his jokes, too.

9 Don't be obvious – even with your special guy. No man likes a woman — or man — who over-flirts in public. It makes you look cheap and desperate.

You can make your guy know you're interested by giving him quick, meaningful looks and standing or sitting close enough to him that your arms or knees touch.

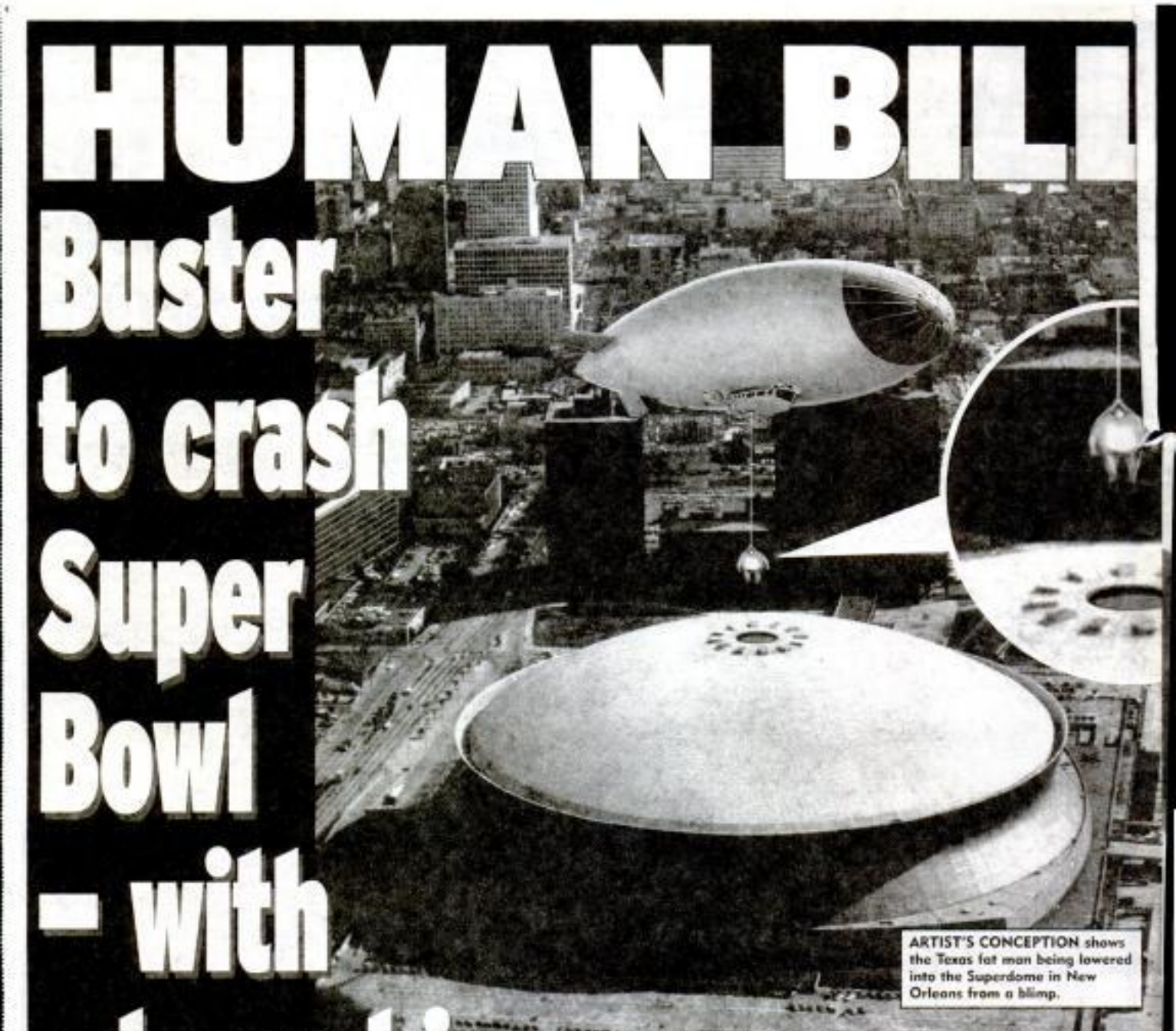
But throwing your arms around your guy and hanging on or pinching his behind are out.

Prease lead vely good chopstick instluctions!

WASHINGTON — Just for laughs, we reprint here instructions EXACTLY as they appeared on the wrapper of a pair of chopsticks: Welcome to Chinese Restaurant. please try your Nice Chinese Food With Chopsticks the traditional and typical of Chinese glonous history. and cultual. Tuk under thurnb and held firmly. Learn how to use your chopsticks. Add second chcostick hold it as you hold a pencil. Hold first

HUMAN BILL

Buster to crash Super Bowl — with ads on his jumpsuit!



ARTIST'S CONCEPTION shows the Texas fat man being lowered into the Superdome in New Orleans from a blimp.

NEW ORLEANS — The world's fattest man, 4,028-pound Buster Simcus, vanished into thin air eight months ago. But he'll bounce back into the limelight during the halftime show of the upcoming Super Bowl — when he'll be lowered through a newly designed hole in the Superdome by a network blimp and dropped right onto the 50-yard line!

The details of what's being called the "mother of all publicity stunts" were revealed in a raucous press conference by the tubby, two-ton titan's agent, who claims to

world see Buster lowered down out of the sky, through the roof, it will be the most spectacular moment ever aired," flamboyant sports agent Sidney Tupkell boasted in a room packed with reporters.

"Each of Buster's butt cheeks alone is the size of a large hot-air balloon — believe me, it'll give a whole new

B.O.A.R.D!

Buster Simcus went missing May 1, 2001 — but he's bouncing back with a vengance.

AGENT
Sidney Tupkell.

bizarre plans for the February 3 game in New Orleans is only the latest strange twist in a saga that has been unfolding since the gargantuan Dallas man mysteriously dropped out of sight on May 1, 2001.

Since that time, the gentle giant has been spotted all over the country — often reportedly performing acts of kindness. Blubbery Buster was last seen in August when he saved a family from drowning by using his big belly to bump their car

has been worried sick and police have even suggested he might be wandering around suffering from amnesia.

But Tupkell told reporters that his client's "disappearance" was part of a carefully orchestrated scheme to add drama to the sometimes-lackluster televised event.

Premium ad space will go for over $3 million on his custom-made white polyester jumpsuit.

"Everyone in the world has

XXXVI," the Big Easy-based agent declared.

The halftime show has been the subject of a complete news blackout and network execs steadfastly refuse to verify the story or divulge anything about their plans.

But NFL insiders confirm officials have already outfitted the top of the New Orleans Superdome with a large trapdoor that can be sprung open at just the right moment.

Engineers from three

blimp" onto the field without causing excessive turf displacement.

Just last week, University of Frankfurt engineer Hans Minterseer was filmed directing a NATO helicopter as it lowered an Indian elephant onto a rugby field in Kassel, Germany. And he confessed to a German TV station that it was part of a hush-hush "trial run."

"It's the tensile strength of the guide wire that's the problem," Minterseer said. "One

like ants."

Tupkell says the bloated, jelly-bellied Buster will be rewarded with an all-expense-paid trip to the game as well as "a lifetime pass to the deli section of a major supermarket chain."

Simcus could not be reached for comment at press time, but his wife warned of a blitz.

"If all this has been about some stupid football game, when Buster comes home

Fountain of Youth found in N.Y.C. subway toilet

NEW YORK — Scientists have sniffed out the location of the Fountain of Youth and it's deep in the bowels of the New York City subway system — in a public toilet!

By MATT BETT
Weekly World News

At least 150 elderly homeless people who've sipped from the mysterious toilet bowl have inexplicably become young again overnight, the researchers claim.

"This is the greatest discovery of the new millennium," declares Dr. Lawrence Bishwell, a London-based biochemist who has been hunting for the fabled font for more than 30 years.

TURNING BACK the hands of time. Homeless Larry and his dog Max were first to find the miracle potty.

"Many of these individuals had abused their bodies for decades with alcohol and suffered from a host of medical woes, ranging from liver damage to senile dementia. "But after drinking less than an ounce of the toilet water, they were restored to good health.

"People who'd looked like haggard wretches regained their youthful appearance and vigor — looking and feeling as much as 40 years younger.

"Gray hair turned black, wrinkles disappeared — even scars vanished overnight."

New York City officials refuse to confirm the story or identify which of the hundreds of subway stations under the streets of Manhattan houses the so-

New Yorkers converging on the john," a City Hall source says.

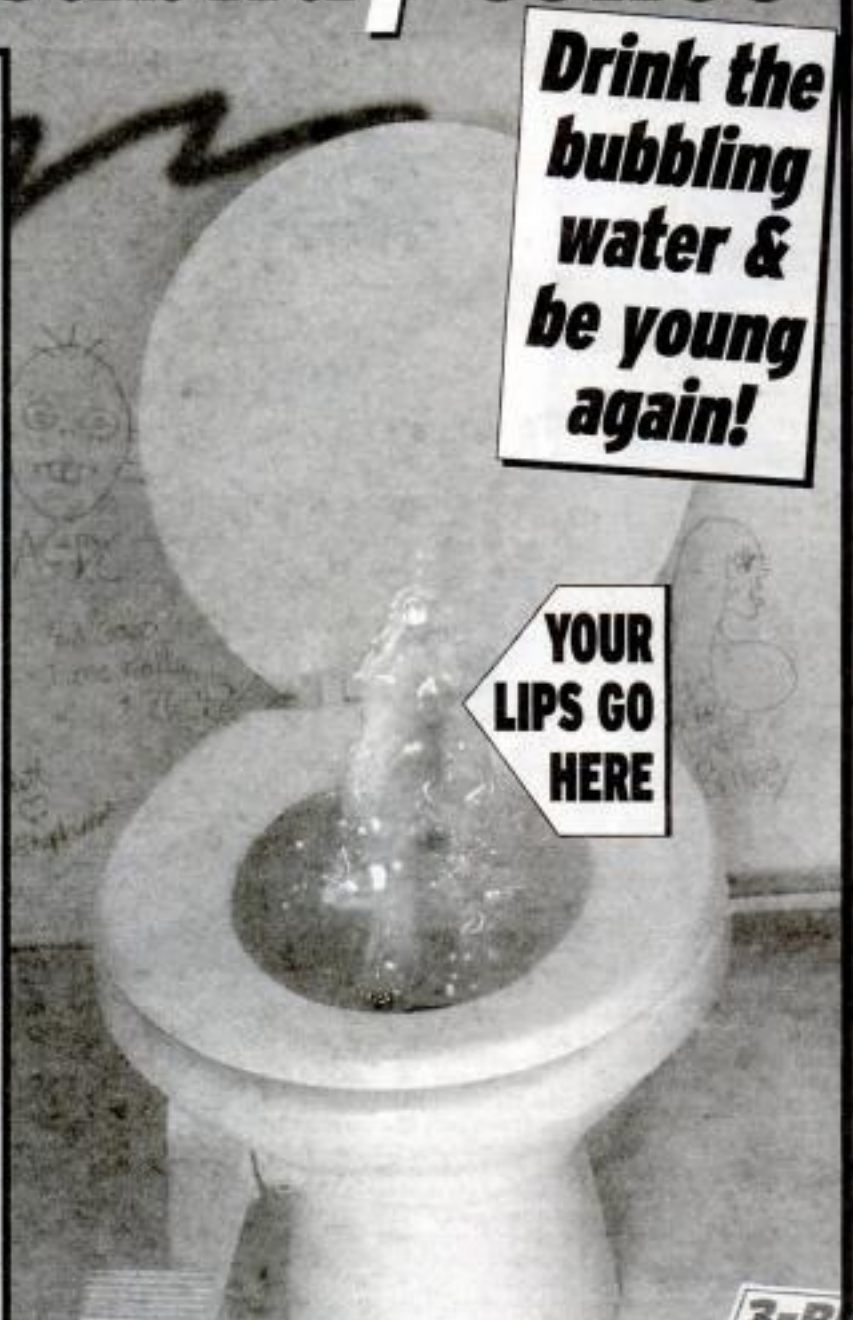
Dr. Bishwell says the unique properties of the toilet water were first identified by an 82-year-old bum named Larry who slept in the men's room with his mangy old mutt, Max.

"The dog drank from the toilet bowl and when Larry woke up the next morning, he was stunned to see his companion had turned back into a playful, yelping puppy, with a sleek, shiny coat," reveals the scientist. "He decided to give the water a try himself and, sure enough, the next day, he found that he looked and felt like a man of 35."

Larry's homeless buddies soon noticed the transformation. And so, for four years, the location of the Fountain of Youth was a jealously guarded secret, known only by homeless people who flocked to the toilet to sip from it and get a new lease on life.

"We learned of this urban legend and tracked it to the source," Dr. Bishwell says.

The biochemist and his six-man team are now analyzing the amazing water, which they say might contain rejuvenat-



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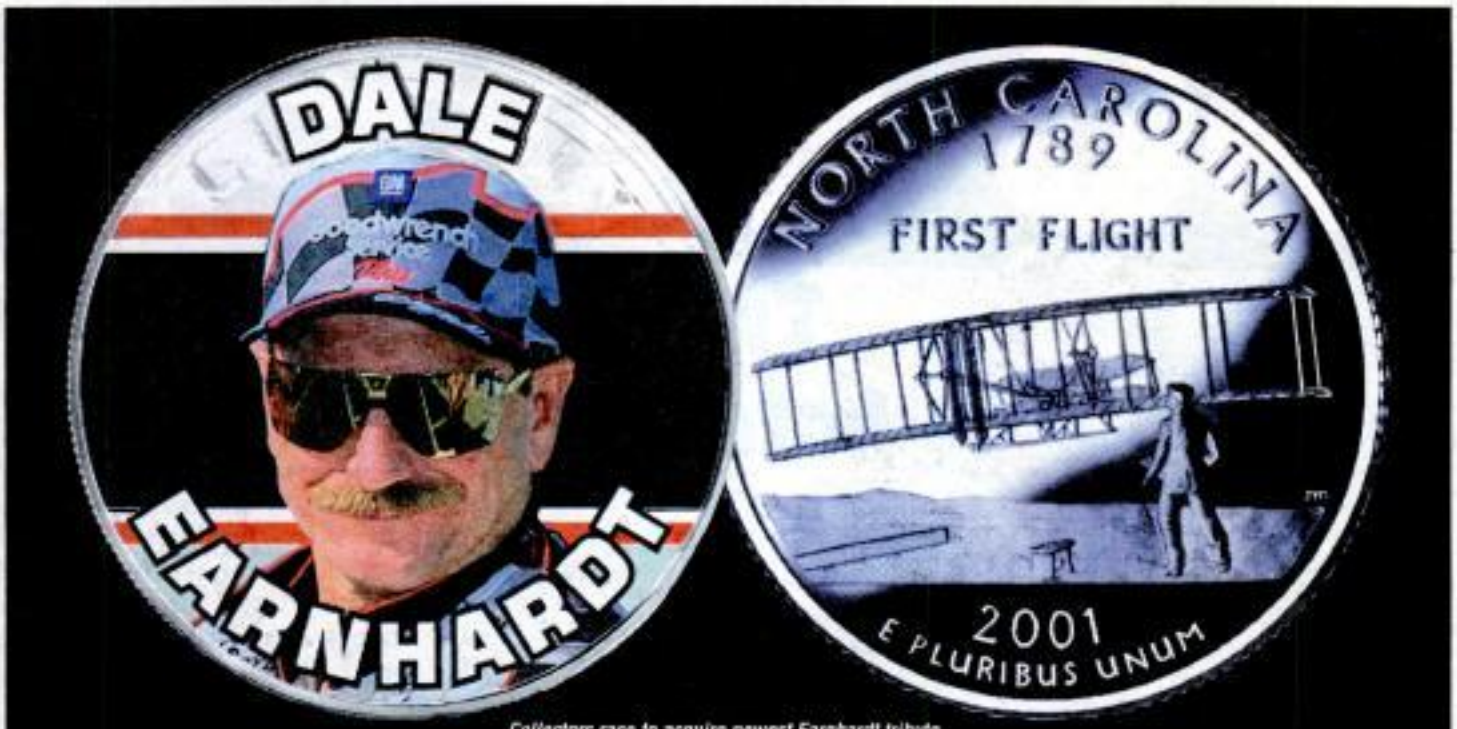

Collectors race to acquire newest Earnhardt tribute.

Earnhardt North Carolina State Quarter Introduced

"Man in Black" Joins Presidents on Genuine U.S. Coinage

Kannapolis, NC – Fans of auto racing legend Dale Earnhardt are going wild over the announcement that racing's "Man in Black" is the first driver ever honored on a genuine U.S. Statehood Quarter. Release of the Limited Edition confirms what many fans have known for years; that Dale Earnhardt was perhaps the most popular driver of all time. Legions of Earnhardt's loyal fans are racing to obtain the unique coins before they're sold out.

The North Carolina Statehood quarters used in this unique commemorative are all obtained from the U.S. Mint in brilliant uncirculated condition. The coins are then colorized by a revolutionary new process that actually fuses a brilliant color portrait of Dale Earnhardt into the face of the coin. Each coin is then sealed inside a crystal-clear capsule to Daytona, the legend of Dale Earnhardt continues to grow in the eyes of millions of fans," stated George Hubbard of the International Collectors Society, exclusive distributors of

Free collector's display case with each coin.

Actual Size of Coin: 24 mm in diameter

with the collectibility of the U.S. Statehood Quarters. It's a collectible treasure that will be cherished for generations to come."

Arriving in a handsome black felt presentation case, each Limited Edition coin comes with a Certificate of Authenticity and the International Collectors Society 100% Buy Back Guarantee. "It's a sensational way for fans young and old to establish a link with the most dominant driver racing has ever seen," added Hubbard.

The Dale Earnhardt North Carolina Quarter is available for just $9.95 + $3 postage & handling, limit 3 per household. Send a check or money order to ICS, 10045 Red Run Boulevard, Suite 350WWWQD1, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117. Credit card holders may call toll free

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Two-week coma in a hotel room costs lady

OUTRAGED! Coma or not — Hilary can't believe the hotel bill that was slipped under her hotel room door.

PARIS — Famed sausage heiress Hilary Winston lapsed into a two-week coma while lodging at one of Paris' most luxurious hotels and woke up with a bill for 210,400 French francs — a staggering $28,842 in U.S. greenbacks!

By CHAD KULTGEN
Weekly World News

That's more than $2,000 a day — the going rate for the ultra-fancy penthouse suite that Winston was staying in. But the furious grande dame is refusing to pay the bill.

"I slip into a coma — and now they want to charge me for the room? They're not getting a dime."

Outraging Winston even more is the fact that the bill includes room service — three daily meals that were delivered to her door and taken away an hour later untouched.

"I filled out a room-service order menu the first day I was there and then they kept bringing the meals everyday," she says.

"You'd think it would have occurred to those idiots that I wasn't eating the food and there was something wrong. But no."

Winston, along with her team of high-powered legal

Is your cat smarter than you?

Take our quiz and find out!

By JIM CANTWELL
Weekly World News

LOS ANGELES — You can give your cat an IQ test in the privacy of your own home — and find out if kitty is dumb as a post, of average intelligence — or smarter than you are!

"This test evaluates verbal comprehension, vocabulary, memory, spatial ability and reasoning — just like human IQ tests," said Melissa Miller, author of the riveting book, *The Cat IQ Test*.

All you have to do is use a pencil to circle the answer to each question below that best describes your cat and its behavior. When finished, check the scoring

name, it: a) appears not to hear its name at all; b) invariably comes to you; c) may or may not come to you.

2. Does your cat realize when you're talking about it? a) No, it ignores all conversation; b) Sometimes it perks up its ears when I say its name; c) Yes, always, even when I don't mention its name.

3. If you put an unopened can of cat food in front of your cat, it would: a) ignore your actions completely; b) recognize the can and get excited but not un-

you're about to feed it.

4. When your cat sits in a window, it: a) stares blankly; b) studies what's outside with only general interest; c) usually spots something outside and takes a strong interest in it.

5. How adept is your cat at judging distance when jumping onto a windowsill or table? a) My cat doesn't jump onto surfaces; b) My cat is usually very good, although it has incorrectly estimated heights a few times; c) It never misses.

tear around the carrier panic-stricken and yowling; b) act unsettled, even though it maintains its composure; c) enjoy the trip.

7. How does your cat let you know when it wants to get through a closed door? a) It sits facing the door, waiting for it to open; b) It scratches gently at the door; c) It can open most doors by itself.

8. When a stranger visits your house, your cat: a) doesn't give the person a second glance; b)

ISTURB!

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experts, maintains that since she was not conscious after the first day of her stay in the five-star hotel, she should not be obligated to pay.

But hotel manager Pierre Bessot isn't backing down.

"Conscious or not, she stayed in the room for two weeks — and somebody has to pay," he says.

"And honestly, I can't think of a more lavish place to be comatose than our DeGaulle Suite. She should be thanking us. If she wasn't in our hotel, she would have spent the last two weeks in a common, cramped hospital bed."

Winston admits she had hung a "DO NOT DISTURB" sign on her door before going to bed the night of her coma. And to make matters worse, she left the TV on, which apparently supplied a whole host of voices that hotel staff assumed were visitors and guests in the suite 24 hours a day.

"But none of that should matter," she says. "There's no way I'm paying this bill."

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stranger starts eating.

9. Pick up your hair dryer and plug it in. Make sure your cat is watching, then switch it on. Your cat: a) stays put, oblivious to the noise; b) bolts from the room as soon as you switch it on; c) calmly leaves the room as soon as it sees the hair dryer.

10. How would your cat react if you got a new kitten? a) Thrilled and excited; b) Condescending and annoyed; c) It would ignore the kitten completely.

SCORING

Give your cat 1 point for every "a" answer, 2 points for every "b" answer and 3 points for every "c" answer. Total your score.

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27-30 points: Your cat is possibly brighter than you are.

20-26 points: Your cat is very intelligent.

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Preacher uses whoopee and pies in the face to

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. — Your spirits are sure to be lifted — and your every ill cured — by a visit to the First Church of Slapstick, where miracles are performed with a pie in the face, the communion glasses are novelty "dribble glasses" and when you plop down in a pew, the odds are overwhelming that you'll land on a whoopee cushion!

"At the First

1. CRIPPLED parishioner leans on a cane as Rev. Jackie Kynster prepares to heal her with a lemon meringue pie.

2. THE WINDUP — Rev. Kynster hoists the sacred pie as he begins to administer the cure for the poor woman's affliction.

3. SPLAT! Rev. Kynster forcefully applies the sacred pie to the crippled woman's face, as the congregation breaks out in laughter.

'It's a miracle – after one SPLAT, I could walk again!'

Slapstick!

cushions, dribble glasses bring folks closer to God!

Church of Slapstick, we believe that there's a real connection between humor, humility and healing," explains the Rev. Jackie Kynster, a former circus clown who performed in carnivals across the country before becoming an ordained minister in 1998.

"The first step in approaching God is learning to stop taking yourself so seriously." In that spirit, at the 250-member church, you're likely to see such spectacles as:

- The minister dropping his pants in the middle of a sermon.
- Visitors greeted by a deacon who shakes their hands with a joy buzzer.
- The flower in the lapel of a deceased man squirting his startled widow in the eye as she weeps over his coffin at a funeral.
- A christening interrupted by a five-minute "Oh my God, I'm going to drop the baby" routine as the "fumble-fingered" preacher stumbles around the altar with a tot in hand.
- All 250 hands going up at a wedding when the preacher asks if anyone objects.

WHOOPIE cushions like the one above have surprised more than a few unsuspecting churchgoers at the First Church of Slapstick. But folks keep coming back for more!

- Mock fistfights breaking out over the collection plate, complete with Three Stooges-inspired eye pokes and head smacks.

"Everyone gets to play jokes and gets laughs, not just the preacher," says one happy parishioner.

"You never know when somebody's going to start a pie fight, set off some firecrackers or replace the altar candles with trick ones from the novelty store."

Some religious leaders in the community have criticized the First Church of Slapstick for not showing sufficient solemnity, but Rev. Kynster dismisses the naysayers.

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- **The world's ending today — and I don't want to miss it!**
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Secretary's head stuck in drawer — for 4 days!

TRAPPED like a rat! Jackie Stegler rang in the new year with her head wedged in a desk drawer.

NEW YORK — A secretary spent the four-day New Year's holiday weekend alone in the office — with her head stuck in the bottom drawer of her desk!

"It was the loneliest four days of my life," says Jackie Stegler. "The more I tried to get my head loose the tighter it got stuck.

"My neck was twisted at an awkward angle and the top of the drawer squeezed down on me," she says. "If I could have opened the drawer an inch more I could have pulled my head out, but it was jammed and, with the way I was bent over, I couldn't unjam it."

Stegler could have had help if she would have been willing to swallow her pride.

"It was at the end of the day on the Friday before New Year's," she recalls. "I dropped a peppermint into the drawer.

"I stuck my head in," she says. "It was too dark to see anything, but when I tried to pull my head out it wouldn't come."

Next she made her biggest mistake.

"There were still four or five people in the office and I could embarrassed to have my head stuck, I didn't want to call attention to myself.

"I was sure I could get myself out. But I had never been so wrong in my entire life."

Stegler recalled that the cleaning crew had come already. She realized she was in big trouble.

"That was when I started screaming," she says. "And it can get pretty loud when you're screaming inside a desk drawer."

Stegler spent four days struggling one minute and fighting to get some sleep the next.

"I'd try to yank my head out, but that really hurt," she says. "Then I figured if I could sleep, the time would pass quickly — but I probably didn't sleep more than five minutes at a time because it was so uncomfortable."

Finally on Wednesday her co-workers returned from their four-day weekend and she was freed.

"The ironic thing is, I was the one days to my agony."

Lucky for Stegler, her boss was sympathetic and gave her the rest of the day off after she was freed.

— By JASON MARSHALL

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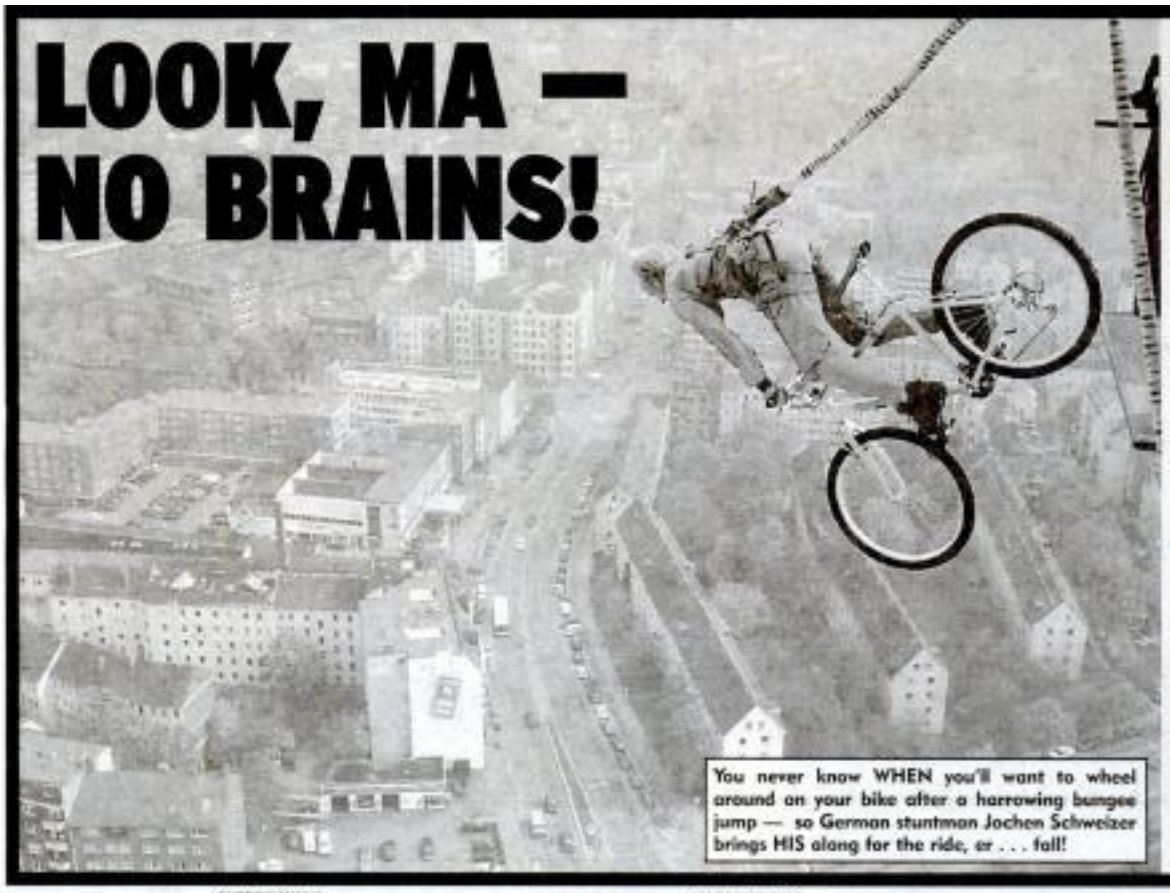

You never know WHEN you'll want to wheel around on your bike after a harrowing bungee jump — so German stuntman Jochen Schweizer brings HIS along for the ride, or . . . fall!

Crazy Koreans defend right to eat dogs!

SEOUL — Outraged South Koreans have banded together to defend their dog-eating culture.

The puppy-stew loving populace has come under fire from international animal lovers — including ex-sexpot Bridget Bardot — because the country will co-host the 2002 World Cup soccer tourney.

But 166 Korean civic leaders have signed a statement calling doggy dining a "matter of national pride."

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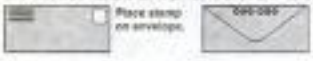

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My America

BY ED ANGER

I'm madder than a referee with 20/20 vision over the stupid Super Bowl.

It used to be the Super Bowl was like a national holiday. Wives would finish washing the dinner plates early so they could watch part of the game — and they'd ask all kinds of questions to try to understand what was going on.

Kids would take a break from snowballs fights and sleigh riding to come in and watch the game.

Even the guy in the office whose only interest in sports was commenting on which teams' uniforms looked the prettiest would suddenly get all worked up about the Super Bowl.

And to let everyone know how important the game was they even used fancy Roman numerals like they do on official documents and in the Bible. It was always dramatic to see something like Super Bowl VII or Super Bowl XII.

The game was always the top-rated TV show for the entire year. I even read one time that more people watched the Super Bowl on TV that year than had seen all the plays William Shakespeare had ever written.

And when you consider that Shakespeare had a 350-year head start, that's pretty impressive.

But I'm not even going to watch the Super Bowl this year — because this stupid game they're playing nowadays sure as hell isn't football.

The NFL started going downhill when they started playing indoors on artificial grass, just like the New Orleans Superdome where they're playing this year's game.

Back when the great Vince Lombardi was leading the old-time Green Bay Packers to championships, the games were played on grass fields that were frozen as hard as concrete. And after three plays the ball would be frozen so hard that it wouldn't even bounce.

When it hit the ground it just stuck there like a big old boulder with laces on its side.

The kickers had to wear steel-toe work boots or they'd break their feet trying to punt the ball.

None of that would ever happen today, because the referees change the dagblamed ball after every play — even if there's not a mark on it.

I say the referees should allow only one ball per game — maybe two if the first one gets kicked up in the stands.

And if you lose both balls, the game is declared over.

But the worst part nowadays is the way the quarterbacks throw the danged ball every play.

In football, you're supposed to throw the ball only out of desperation, like when there's 30 seconds to play and you're behind by two touchdowns.

Otherwise you're supposed to give the ball to your fastest guy and let your big guys run out in front of him, clearing the way by knocking down all the tacklers. That's football the way it was meant to be.

If you were supposed to throw the ball around like they do now, they'd call the game airball or armball or something stupid like that.

But I guarantee the National Airball League would go out of business in less than a year.

And I'm not the only person who feels this way — all my buddies agree with me.

So until they start playing outside on real grass and limit the teams to 10 passes per game, then they can forget about Ed Anger tuning in to the Super Bowl.

And within three years, I bet the whole thing will be cancelled for lack of interest.

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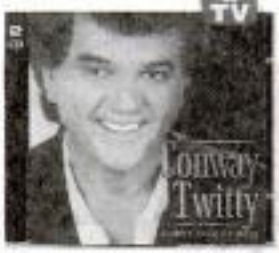

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Weekly World News

'I'm her biggest fan & this is my 'gift' to her'

AFTER: Vance Felder bears a remarkable resemblance to his favorite actress after 2 years of grueling cosmetic surgery.

ODESSA, Texas — A 32-year-old man has undergone more than two years of plastic surgery so he can look just like his favorite movie star — Nicole Kidman!

And before you get any ideas about Vance Felder, keep this is mind: He's not gay, he doesn't want a sex change and doesn't even consider himself a cross-dresser.

"I'm probably Nicole's biggest fan and this is my way of paying homage to her," says Felder. "It's not like some kinky sex thing or that I'm trying to be weird."

Felder, a plumber, said the whole thing started back in the early 1990s when he was working for an elderly woman who told him he looked "like that girl on TV."

"At first I was really upset that she thought I looked like a woman," he remembers. "But she said it was just in the eyes and forehead, so I wasn't too angry."

Within a few weeks, another woman commented on his eyes — and said they looked like Nicole Kidman's.

"This lady showed me a picture of Nicole and I swear I felt like I was looking in a mirror," Felder recalls. "I realized what these women were talking about."

From that time on, Felder's interest in Nicole Kidman grew by leaps and bounds. He collected tapes of all her movies, cut out magazine articles about her and started his own fan club.

Then in 1999, he took the big step of transforming himself into the film queen.

It was a long and very expensive

BEFORE: Felder, left, looked a little like Nicole, right even before he went under the knife.

shaping around his chin, raising his cheekbones slightly and removing a slight bump from his nose.

"I had 12 or 13 surgeries in all and it was pretty painful," he admits. "I don't really think about all the money I spent. Fifty grand is more than I can afford — but that's what credit cards are for."

Lucky for Felder, he has always worn his hair long — all he had to do was have it styled and dyed red to match Nicole's.

Now that he looks just like his favorite actress, Fedler isn't sure what he wants to do with his eye-catching appearance.

"I've put on some makeup and jewelry a couple of times but it's not like I want to go out and be hit on by men. That's the last thing I want," he

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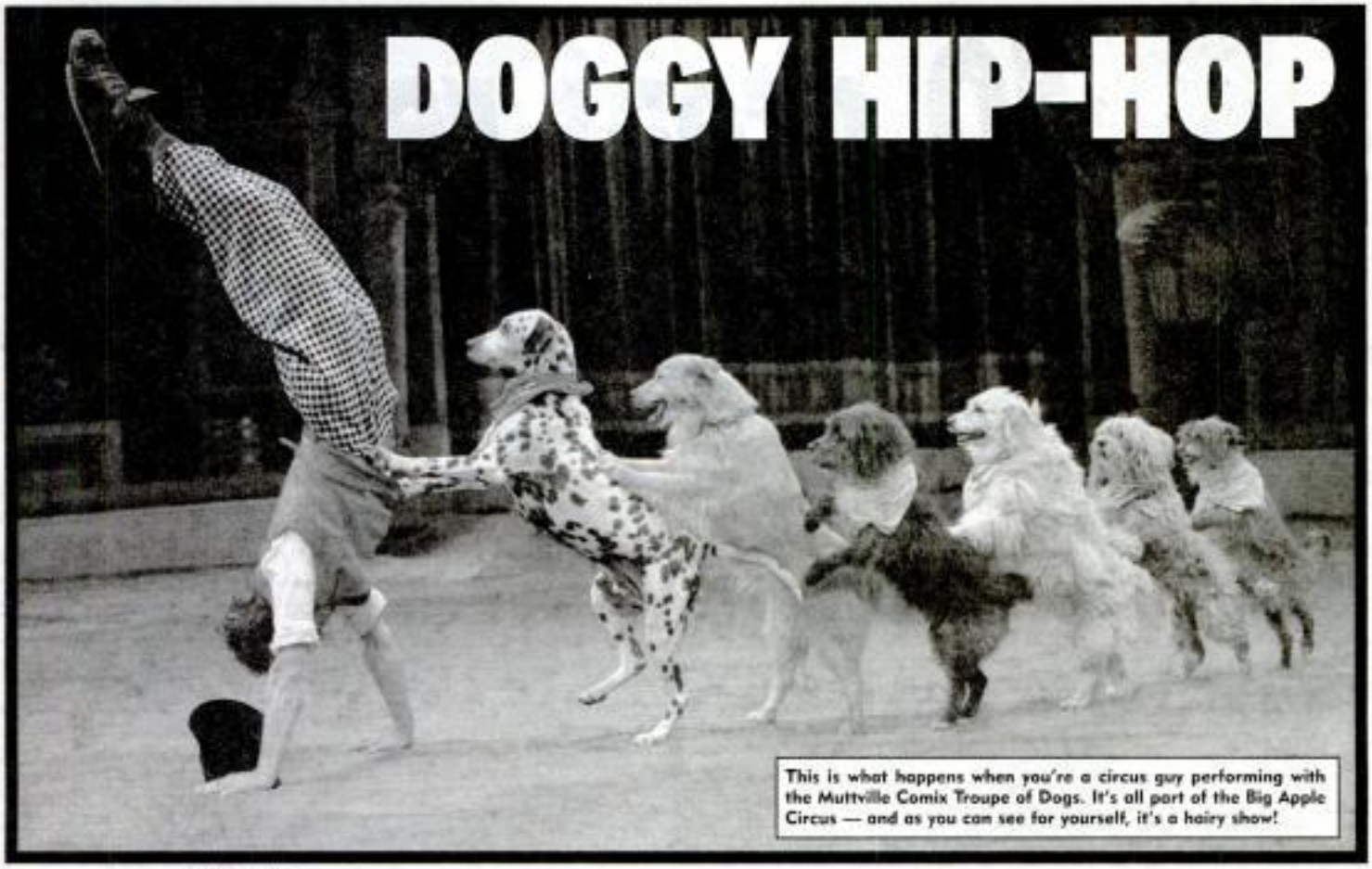

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WASHINGTON — Most Americans spend their whole lives dreaming about getting rich — but there are actually plenty of good reasons to stay poor, an expert says.

"The old saying, 'Money doesn't buy happiness' is really true," says sociologist Dr. Robert Moretzy of D.C. "Studies show that many wealthy people are miserable."

Here, from the expert, are 10 great reasons to stay poor as a church mouse:

1. When a Depression hits, you barely notice — Wealthy Americans panic whenever a recession rolls around — terrified they'll have to give up their luxurious lifestyles. But while fat cat financiers are jumping out of windows, folks who've been dirt poor all along just shrug and line up at the neighborhood soup kitchen.

2. It's easier to get into Heaven — When it comes to your personal relationship with God, material possessions just get in the way. "That's why taking a vow of poverty has been a common practice among holy men for centuries," notes Dr. Moretzy.

3. You learn to entertain yourself — Rich folks who are constantly entertained by DVD players and computers tend to become passive, boring zombies. But being poor forces you to develop active hobbies such as sewing and whittling.

SOCIOLOGIST Dr. Robert Moretzy.

4. You don't attract gold diggers — When you're rich, you always have to worry about whether that "cute young thing" is after you just for your money.

5. It's easy to stay slim — Jet setters like Liz Taylor often fatten up at fancy restaurants. But if you live on lettuce sandwiches, it's a cinch to keep trim.

6. You meet "real" people — Folks who hobnob with the rich and famous usually find them to be phonies. Your pals will be genuine, salt-of-the-earth Americans.

7. You become part of a community — Always having to borrow items such as rakes, tools and cooking utensils helps build strong bonds between neighbors.

8. Your kids don't grow up spoiled — Folks like the Kennedys are often disappointed when their kids turn out to be spoiled, selfish ne'er-do-wells.

Without the burden of money, your kids can grow up more like good-natured John Boy Walton.

9. You became a better cook — Without a personal chef like a rich movie star, you experience the unique joy of learning to cook delicious meals from scratch.

10. You avoid travel to dangerous foreign countries — You always hear about wealthy yachtsmen being murdered by pirates overseas, or tourists in the Middle East getting gunned down by terrorists. When you're poor, you stay safely in the U.S.

— BY MIKE FOSTER

HOW TO WIN THE NAME GAME EVERY TIME YOU PLAY!

MIAMI — It's one of life's most humiliating moments — you forget someone's name seconds after you've been introduced to them. But with these tips and tricks, you'll never again be reduced to asking a second — or third — time for what's his name's name.

● Associate the name with a common word or phrase — and link it to that person. If the person's

bring May flowers." Just don't call her May.

● Link the person's name to his or her profes-

— he becomes Bill the pill. The more silly it sounds the more likely it will stick in your head.

● Ask for the spelling of an unusual name like Loquisha or Yukon. Repeat it out loud several times. This will annoy your new

your head.

● Use your sense of sight to create a new name. If you were just introduced to Harry, who looks like Gwyneth Paltrow's brother, think Harry Paltrow.

● Associate the person with famous people who

imagine him attending a stand-up comedy show starring Jerry Seinfeld and Jerry Lewis.

● Use your sense of smell. If you're introduced to Josh just as someone in the room has passed gas, seek out any strong foul

Dear Dotti

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How the hell can I build a love nest on $122 a week?

Dear Dotti: I've been unemployed for six months now since the economy started to slide. I am getting unemployment checks but finding it hard to maintain the standard of living I was accustomed to. I'm a single guy who needs romance and creating the perfect bachelor pad on $122 a week isn't easy. Women aren't easily impressed with cinder block bookcases, an 18-year-old couch, a boom box and 12-inch TV. Any suggestions? — Lonely Guy in Georgetown

Dear Lonely: I suggest you take a cold shower and face facts pronto. Jobless guys are not exactly numero uno on any woman's love list — no matter how opulent their love nests!

If friends didn't steal my jewelry, who on Earth did?

Dear Dotti: Can you assist me with some detective work? After the wonderful holiday parties my husband and I held here in the and my antique diamond, 18-karat white gold and platinum engagement set was missing. I asked our elderly cleaning lady what she knew about it and she was deeply offended. Now I know some of our friends have taken some terrible "hits" in the stock market in recent months, but surely none of our friends would have committed this brazen theft. What do you think — would they? — Suspicious Socialite in New York

Dear Suspicious: Go ahead and blame the cleaning lady. You're going to finger the old girl anyway — so why postpone the inevitable?

Stupid neighbors kill chickens just to scare my pants off!

Dear Dotti: I care for all animals great and small. I can't even bear to step on a bug. But I live in the country and have neighbors who raise chickens and some sheep and dairy cows. They love to torment me when I'm outside by running after the chickens with a hatchet or by picking one up and pretending to choke it in front me. I've never actually seen them kill one, but the thought makes me shiver. — Animal Lover in Portland

Dear Animal Lover: If you really gave a damn about animal rights and cruelty, I wouldn't have found that receipt for two buckets of fried chicken that you inadvertently folded into your letter. Get with the program, farm girl — you're as hungry for carnage as the rest of 'em!

Why don't folks believe I invented the atom bomb!

Dear Dotti: When will I get the credit I deserve for creating the A-bomb? History books credit guys with names like Oppenheimer, Fermi, and Einstein when it was me, Bradley W. Calvin. Can I prove it? Can anyone prove I didn't? There's a patent in my name filed in 1933 with the Kingdom of Togo Patent Registry in which I describe using neutron-induced chain reactions to create explosions, as well as the the key concept of the critical mass. Financial difficulties and ensuing events such as WWII prevented any further work, but now I'd like credit where it's due before I die! — Unrecognized Genius in Los Alamos

Dear Genius: I hope you'll forgive me for not printing the portion of your letter also taking credit for inventing a flying saucer, an anti-gravity device, perpetual motion machine, a water-based fuel energy pellet, the Slinky and the toaster oven. Meanwhile, I strongly suggest that you hire a couple of detectives to help you find SOME of the missing marbles you obviously are having such grave difficulties living without!

What's wrong with a girl, 13, dating a man three times her age?

Dear Dotti: I'm 13 but mature for my age and I'm in love with my 39-year-old next door neighbor. He's so sweet and understanding with me. He's not boring and bossy like my parents. Sometimes we go out together to a movie or for dinner. Everyone thinks he's my dad until we tell them and then they get real mad. My parents don't like it either, but I don't care. I love him. Why can't society understand? — Young Love in Roanoke

Dear Young Love: The only thing society needs to understand is that you're too young to know what you're talking about and won't know what you're talking about un-

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Dear Ecstatic Lady in Huntsville: With a flourescent light bulb? OUCH!

Dear Concerned Mom in Portland: I'd be worried about your daughter having run away from home, too — if she wasn't 47!

Dear Very Rich Man in Moleen: But the last time I checked, Monopoly money was not, repeat NOT legal tender. Write back when you've got REAL CASH to bribe me with!

Dear Desperate in Taylorsville: $10? The last pair of black lace panties I sold fetched $6,500 — and let's just say the former President I will not name (Bill Clinton) STILL considers that to be a bargain!

Dear Falling Off the Wagon in Kansas City: Drinking two fifths of bourbon a day is not, as you so put it, "falling off the wagon." It's end stage alcoholism — and since you continue to drive without a license, I think I speak for all Americans when I say "the sooner you drink yourself to death, the better!"

Dear Fuming in Atlanta: I didn't call your husband an idiot — I called you "brain damaged" — and the four shrinks I consulted with agreed with me!

Dear Church Lady in Dallas: I don't care how close to God you think you might be — if you're having sex without a condom, there's nothing SAFE about it!

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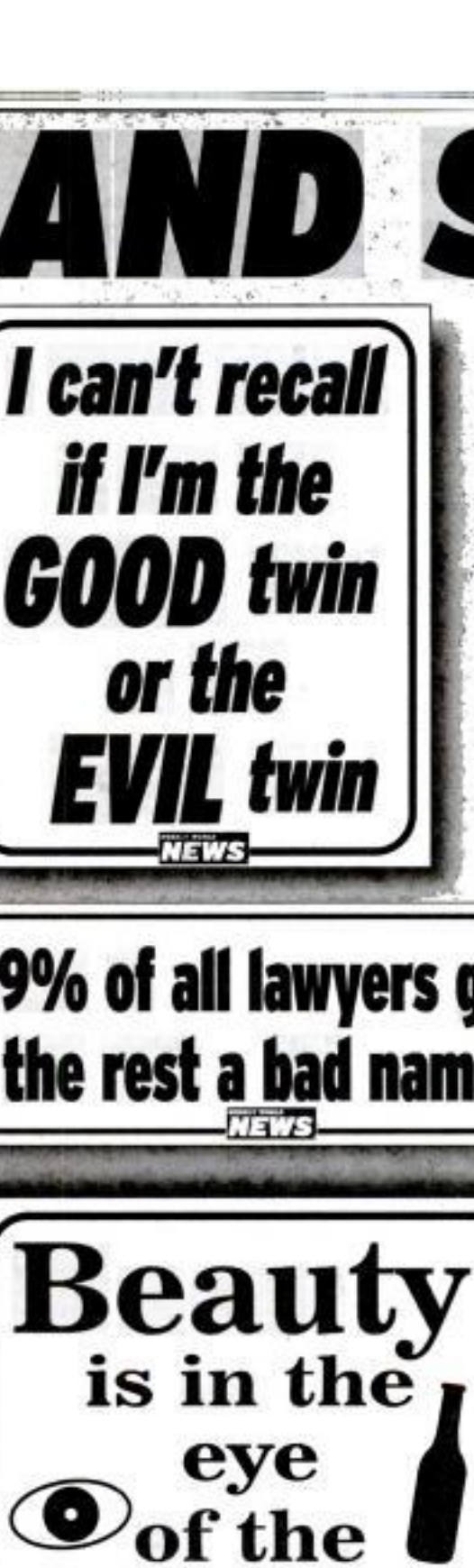

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FRANFURT, Germany — The world's bravest elephant is a gutsy male named Siegfried who's not afraid of mice!

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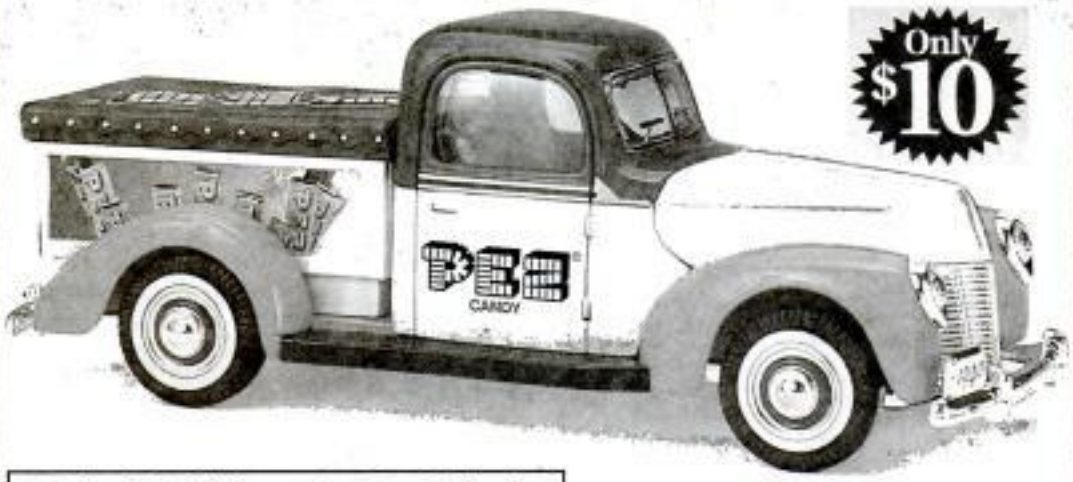

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HAVANA — A team of explorers working off the western coast of Cuba say they have discovered what they think may be the ruins of Atlantis submerged thousands of years ago!

Researchers from a Canadian company used sophisticated sonar equipment and a robot to find and film stone structures more than 2,000 feet below the sea's surface.

Images the robot brought back confirmed the presence of huge, smooth blocks with the appearance of cut granite. Some of the blocks were built in pyramid shapes, others were circular, researchers said.

They say they still don't fully understand the exact nature of their discovery, and plan a thorough analysis of the site off the Guanahacabibes Peninsula before June.

"It's entirely possible that these are what remains of the lost city of Atlantis," said one researcher. "We believe they could have been built more than 6,000 years ago."

26-FOOT PYTHON CRASHES WEDDING — & THAT'S THE GOOD NEWS!

NANDI HILLS, Kenya — A wedding ended in chaos and disaster when a 26-foot python slithered into the church.

But the huge snake was only one in a string of disasters that caused the couple to marry under protest and toss their rings after the wedding.

The bride had earlier threatened to cancel the ceremony because the groom, a milkman, had bought her a "cheap" wedding gown. Then she refused to board the vehicle that was to take her to church, calling it "junk."

Nonetheless the pastor was about to marry the couple when the gigantic serpent slid into the chapel.

Hundreds of people, including the priest, ran for cover and one guest broke his collarbone when he tried to hit the python, fell and missed.

After the python was ejected, the couple initially refused to go on with the ceremony but the priest insisted. The groom then refused to hand over the two wedding rings, so some in the congregation produced theirs instead.

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Dear Serena: I'm scared to death of my own son. He used to be such a sweet little boy, but now he goes out without permission, comes home drunk, or doesn't come home at all. Whenever I try to talk to him, he swears at me and sometimes looks like he's going to hit me.

I know teenagers go through a rebel stage, but his behavior is worse than anything I imagined. I'm afraid he's been possessed by an evil spirit. Can you cast a spell to turn my boy back the way he was? — Loving Mom in Cooperstown

Dear Loving Mom: Your son hasn't been possessed by an evil spirit, but he is being influenced by a very rough gang. Just below the angry surface is the sweet little boy you remember. I have cast a spell to free him from the gang, and another to make him notice the pretty young girl who lives down the street from you. He's too old to go back to being your sweet little boy, but she'll make him want to be a nice young man.

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Dear Serena: Could you please interpret a dream for me? It's been a week since I had it, but it still gets me upset to think about it. A kitchen curtain catches on fire, but instead of putting it out, I run around the house making sure the children and pets get out of the house.

Then I start searching for things that I want to save, like old photo albums and bookkeeping records, and throwing them out windows. Meanwhile, the fire has spread throughout the house and I'm trapped by it. I wake up before I'm burned to death, but I feel terrified, as though I was actually in danger. Was this a premonition of a fire or did it have some other meaning? — Shaking in Reno

Dear Shaking: That was not a dream; that was a nightmare! Nor was it a preview of a fire or other disaster where your family and possessions are in danger. Rather, it feels very personal. I see that you are wearing yourself thin trying to do everything for everybody and never having a minute of time to take for yourself. Right now, the desire for some personal time is just a tiny spark in your mind, but if you don't pay attention to it, the need will grow until it takes over your life. Listen to your dream and give yourself a time-out once in a while.

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Dear Serena: I've lost something very important and I'm hoping you can help me find it. When my grandfather passed away 22 years ago, he left me a stock certificate for 1,000 shares of IBM. I put it in a safety deposit box, but when I was transferred last year, I took it out. I meant to get another box in our new location but I never got around to it. Now I can't remember where I put it. My daughter will be going to college soon and I planned to use it for her tuition. Please look into your crystal ball to help me find that certificate. — Absentminded in Tulsa

Dear Absentminded: The stock certificate as well as several other documents that were in the safety deposit box are in a manila envelope. That envelope is in a box with miscellaneous souvenirs and memoirs, such as your daughter's grade school report cards. It looks as though that box is one of many in a stack. Check your storage unit carefully. That certificate is not the only important thing hidden there.

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Dear Serena: Both my parents died of cancer and it really has me worried about my own health. I don't smoke or drink alcohol, I exercise regularly and eat sensibly, and take several vitamin and herbal supplements said to fight cancer. Yet, I still worry constantly about getting it. It would help if you'd tell me I'm worrying for nothing. — Worrywart in Cincinnati

Dear Worrywart: You're doing everything right to lead a long, healthy life . . . EXCEPT you're worrying too much. Remember, stress can cause disease, too. Add a daily dose of laughter to your list of preventive measures and you'll live to be 103!

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PERSONAL TO:

Lonely in San Diego: **Your postman has more to offer you than junk mail. Talk to him tomorrow and your life will change. Remember he always rings twice!**

Hopeful in Honolulu: **You not only passed the chiropractic licensing exam, a good job will be offered immediately.**

Suffocating in Ames: **Yes, it's time to strike out on your own.**

THIS WEEK'S SIX LUCKIEST LOTTO NUMBERS

Weekly *World News* has purchased exclusive rights to the world's most powerful computer — and we use it to pick the six luckiest lottery numbers every week!

The Swiss-built computer, called Bright Green, has the ability to calculate which lottery numbers are most likely to come up each week, based on previous performance and established tendencies. The numbers are good for the week Weekly *World News* is on the newsstand.

The computer scans all numbers selected in lotteries across America over the past year to provide a statistical base for predicting future results. More value is given to the most recently selected numbers.

Using all available data, the computer picks the luckiest numbers

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Fortune Cookie

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What's your secret message from the Fortune Cookie this week? It's easy and fun to decipher. Here's the key to decoding your message:

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Now take the result and find your key letter in the word ORIENT above. Starting at the upper left corner of the box at left, check each one of your key letters as it appears from left to right. The letters below each of your letters

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1 "Beauty is only — — "
8 Divine occurrences
15 Pro's opponents
16 Toughen by use
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21 Cowboy show
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40 Doily material
42 Harvest
44 More confident
45 Entertaining anecdotes
47 Risky adventurer
49 "It's — — a day's work"
50 Terminated
52 Alienated; drove apart
55 Incidents, happenings
57 Behemoths
59 Essential
62 Pennies (Abbr)
63 Girdle-like garment
64 Nothing
65 Writing tablets
66 On the other side
67 Sprint
68 Boot tip
69 Winter driving hazard
70 English coffee break
71 Colorado Indian
72 Schoolyard breaks
77 Hay fever is one
80 Roused slightly
82 Birthday boxes
86 The way out
87 Reverberate
89 High spirits
90 Rapunzel's ladder
91 Heavy jacket
92 Fathers
94 Half of a fourth
96 Actor DeLuise
99 Slow down
100 Type of bomb or energy
103 Wacky, goofy
104 Threaded fastener
105 Gushing, streaming
107 Beirut locale
109 Musty, mildewed
110 Bluefin or albacore
111 Sanitized
112 Takes into custody
114 Soft drink
115 Italian sausage
117 Goes with crafts
118 Reel companions
119 Put into gear
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123 — Alamos, New Mexico
124 Produce an egg
125 Covered with lace
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140 Apparel, clothes
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153 A son of Adam
154 Twofold, as chromosomes
156 Hopelessness
158 "That's a — off my mind"
160 Equipped with weapons
161 Biblical sea
164 Atlantic island
165 Leg bone
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167 Roof of the mouth
168 Ungentlemanly one
170 Gov't agency
172 Instrumental composition
174 Ascends
176 Ever and —
177 Sedan or coupe
178 Personal outlook
179 Belgium city
181 Shipshape, tidy
182 Octopus appendage
184 Made spick-and-span
187 Method of escape
190 Outlaw, traitor
192 Spinning toy
194 Large mythical bird
195 First lady
197 Wire measurement
198 Knock sharply
201 Of little importance
203 Means of leaving
206 Vehement protest
209 Sneer at
211 Roofing matter
213 Seemingly
215 Revolve
216 Purify, perfect
217 Open-minded
219 Age on the vine
220 By one's self
223 Turned away affection
225 Shaped like a dunce cap
228 Hot and sultry
229 Pew or chair
230 Greek sandwich
231 Detached, isolated
232 Depend on
233 Got a perfect score
234 Oversight (Hyph)
237 Poison ivy reaction
241 Larger than life figures
245 Model-T starters
248 Body trunk
249 Lubricating
250 Pertaining to the USSR
251 Rosters
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256 Heads off
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3 Quarantines, separates
4 Alleviate, diffuse
5 Main course
6 — - Disney
7 University teacher for short
8 Rock growth
9 Egyptian goddess
10 Vend again
11 Stellar; like the stars
12 One who heeds
13 Author Ferber
14 Inland oceans
15 Legal agreements
17 Zsa Zsa's sister
18 Compass pt.
20 Theatrical performers
21 Stair part
23 Faced with extinction
24 Annoying
26 Wailing laments (Arch)
27 Small pies
29 Third planet
30 Unconventional, peculiar
31 Horned demon
33 Plane detection system
34 Strong desire; zest
36 Burdened
38 Sunset direction
39 Allows
41 Sure thing (Sl)
43 Lima locale
44 Ties down; makes fast
46 State Rep.
47 Playing card
48 Afterwards
49 Biblical beast
51 Family of rulers
53 Hangman's knot
61 Organic compound
73 Live, be
74 Ringling Brothers' show
75 Everlasting
76 Changing position
78 Shine in the dark
79 Thanksgiving tuber
80 Bro or sis
81 Mechanic's need
82 Monet and Renoir
83 Biosphere study
84 Soup pasta
85 Country singer Tucker
88 Stare at
90 Health plans (Abbr)
93 Signed, — , delivered
95 Ethnic round dance
96 Spin around
97 Hotel chain (TM)
100 Out of the country
101 Late for school
102 Dollar bills
103 Trade union chapters
106 Robert Stack TV role
108 British noble
111 Urban bane
113 Tizzy, fit
116 Quantities
120 Lighthearted
122 From then until now
125 Kismets
127 UFO commanders
128 Spider's trap
131 Made up for
132 Even-steven
133 Supply with water
134 Mentally declined, with age
135 Social parties
137 Engine cooler
138 Arab prince
139 Bank clerk
140 Nutriment, food
141 A legal right
142 Formally surrender
143 Roe vs. —
144 Gadget, widget
146 Towering, rising
147 Cardboard box
148 Singer Fitzgerald
150 Made yarn
152 Stomach sickness
153 Actor Michael
155 — Alto, Calif.
157 First man
159 Fear greatly
162 Neck part
163 Double reed instrument
166 Food provider
167 Preacher's podium
168 Cloaking, hiding
169 Performed
170 Oasis fruit
171 Meddles, butts in
173 Low in hemoglobin
175 Took the wheel
177 Future oak
180 Sarcastic, derogatory
183 Mental focus
185 Therefore
186 Major artery
188 Shun, stay away from
189 Get baby off the bottle
191 They never forget
193 Furtively
196 Impending doom
199 Hertz competitor (TM)
200 Corncob smokers
202 Old Glory mast
203 Before, poetically
204 Bee bite
205 Witnesses
206 Russian mountain range
207 Flower part
208 — room; entertainment area
210 Pedals again?
211 N.Y. newspaper
212 Enthusiastic
214 Passed out the cards
218 Folds under
221 Baltimore bird
222 Whim, vague idea
224 Knob, protuberance
226 Trying test
227 Snuggle in
235 Airplane part
236 Consumer
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243 Continually
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'DEVIL TOASTER RUINED MY LIFE'

...& more true tales from from people who live with appliances possessed by Satan!

LIFE IS worth living again for Josie Morales, top, since she joined the possessed-appliance support group, in session, left.

By TYLER SOLTIS
Weekly World News

LEEDS, England — For 10 years a diverse group of victims has been meeting weekly in a Methodist church basement to battle their personal demons. It's not drug addiction, gambling or booze, but appliances possessed by Satan!

For people who repairmen and exorcists shun and who have admitted they are powerless over hellish toasters, slime-spewing electric toothbrushes, devilish dust busters, and mini-grills endorsed not by ex-heavyweight boxers, but by the Great Deceiver, this organization is a godsend!

Founder Jacqulin Hughes said that People Whose Appliances Have Been Possessed By Satan Anonymous (PWAHBPBSA) was formed after she combated a testy television that resolutely refused to transmit anything but the Lucifer Time Channel.

SUPPORT GROUP FOUNDER **Jacqulin Hughes**

"This seemed especially strange since I didn't subscribe to that particular station. In fact, even my cable company hadn't heard of it," she explained.

"When I went to talk to friends about it, they all just laughed or tried to spray holy water on me. I knew then and there that someone needed to step up and be a beacon of light for the people whom society had swept under the rug."

PWAHBPBSA members include people like Josie Morales, whose toaster appeared normal until it began burning bread hotter than the hinges of Hell itself!

"It seemed as though Beelzebub himself was frying the souls of my poor English muffins — it also spoke to me, saying 'I am the Dark Lord, worship me!'" sobbed Morales.

"It wasn't until I had been to 12 different repairmen and two priests that I discovered PWAHBPBSA and learned that I wasn't alone in my struggle."

Josie first learned of PWAHBPBSA from a neighbor.

"He was having a similar problem with his lawn mower," she said. "Instead of simply cutting the grass, it was cutting satanic pentagrams and runes into his lawn!

"The folks at PWAHBPBSA were wonderful from the moment I called. They showed me how to accept the fact that I couldn't change my toaster, and they explained to me that there are others who also know the pain of an appliance possessed by Satan.

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Nebraska truck stop is the new Devil's Triangle

SUPERIOR, Neb. — As many as 11 truckers may have suddenly vanished from a Midwestern truck stop that some have dubbed "an 18-wheel Bermuda Triangle," according to recent documents leaked by an anonymous FBI source.

By CHET MINK
Weekly World News

TRUCKER Pablo De Campo.

The truck stop's exact location has been deleted from the file, but the government admits that the spooky spot near the Nebraska and Kansas borders — and code named "Kanska" — is the last known whereabouts of at least four and possibly as many as 11 truckers who are now officially listed as "missing."

Written by a high-ranking bureau agent, the mind-blowing memo claims that "a wealth of disturbing data" points to such far-out possibilities as "a cosmic pothole, or even "extraterrestrial truck-jackers."

Trucker Pablo De Campo is one victim in a series of vanishing acts that date back to 1999, according to the files.

A comprehensive investigation was launched last July after the Las Vegas-based De Campo simply vanished while radioing for help from the mysterious rest stop.

"Pablo was squealin' like a stuck pig that night," recalled fellow trucker Russ Dolbear, a Trenton, N.J., based driver

The area in the triangle below is believed by some experts to be the new "Devil's Triangle"

frequency as his vaporized pal that night.

"He said the sky was lit up real bright, like the stars were closer to Earth than usual," said Dolbear.

"I don't know what happened, and I don't know if anybody does. But ever since then, I keep one eye on the road and one eye on the sky."

found in the otherwise abandoned parking lot were the smoking, charred bottoms of 18 tires, and a mesh baseball cap bearing the slogan "Gone Fishin'."

Files say that since that fateful day, three other drowsy drivers who were known to have pulled into the so-called "big-rig black hole" may also be "fishin' " — perhaps in another galaxy.

The lone witness to the De

who had stopped to let her dog answer a call of nature — has been "voluntarily" relocated to a Nebraska mental hospital and her pooch, described as "paranoid," put to sleep.

The "Project Kanska" papers warn FBI employees to deny everything if questioned by the media, and advise that if they are pressed with hard evidence, "just say that the truckers were proba-

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'Tooth Fairy turned my son gay!'

HOPPING-MAD DAD WANTS SWISHY PIXIE BANNED!

PERTH AMBOY, N.J. — Macho dad Harlan Justley is pig-biting mad because his 28-year-old son Barry has come out of the closet. And the numskull insists he knows just who's to blame for "making" his son into a homosexual — the Tooth Fairy!

By MICHAEL CHIRON
Weekly World News

THAT's my boy? Dad Harlan Justley is none too keen on his son's "colorful" lifestyle.

"The Tooth Fairy turned my son gay," Justley wrote in a rambling six-page letter to *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*.

"Now I'm trying to get the word out so you can warn other parents — and make sure this never happens to another boy."

The tough Jersey longshoreman, claims the insidious "brainwashing" of his son took place when Barry was just 5 and his baby teeth were falling out.

"Barry would tell me over breakfast how the Tooth Fairy had come at night and taken his tooth from under his pillow and left a quarter," says the distraught dad.

"He'd rattle on about how the fairy would sit on the edge of his bed and talk to him for hours on end, telling him all about how 'gentle' everyone was in Fairy Land, and sometimes making comments about the decor of the house — how mauve might be a better color scheme for the living room.

"They'd even chat about kids and thought he was making the whole thing up — I'd nod and say 'That's great, son.'

"Now I could just kick myself.

"One time Barry asked if it would be O.K. for him 'to play dress up in Mommy's clothing.' When I asked where he got such a crazy idea, he said, 'the Tooth Fairy.'"

Justley says he forgot all about the childhood episode until Barry's 28th birthday in September, when he proudly announced to the family that he's gay.

Now, the fairy-hating father has launched a one-man crusade to end the traditional American practice of encouraging visits from the legendary figure.

"I've met a preacher who told me the Tooth Fairy and a lot of these other 'harmless' supernatural beings date back to the pagan days and are really evil spirits," he says.

Not everyone is jumping aboard the ban-the-fairy bandwagon.

Barry's mom says her husband "has finally gone

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DRINK UP, KID

By ARNOLD TURNER / *Weekly World News*

LOS ANGELES — Rex Simmis drinks beer by the barrel and hard liquor by the quart and never gets drunk, woozy or even a little bit tipsy — and he's only 11 years old!

"As long as there's room in my belly I can drink any kind of alcohol and never feel a thing," the sixth-grader says. "It's weird. Alcohol doesn't have any effect on me at all."

Rex's mother, Diane, says she doesn't see any reason to keep her son from drinking.

"He doesn't get drunk, so what's the big deal?" she asked during an appearance on a radio talk show. "If it were hurting him, I'd stop him in a second. But for Rex, alcohol is just like water. And it's probably better for him than some of the sugar-loaded drinks that kids drink these days."

Diane says it was a year ago on New Year's Eve when she learned alcohol didn't affect her son.

"A lot of parents let their kids have a sip of something on New Year's Eve," she said. "I let him have some champagne and then later I noticed that he was guzzling it from the bottle.

"I was mortified. I thought he'd get sick and knee-knocking drunk. But it didn't happen.

"It made me curious. So I started experimenting by letting him have some other drinks over the next few days. I'm not a bad mother, so I watched him very carefully.

"And sure enough, nothing had any affect on him. I couldn't believe it."

Mrs. Simmis took her son to a doctor. Tests amazingly revealed that Rex is "alcohol-immune," a condition he shares with only a handful of people on Earth.

"The doctors said Rex is beyond being a one in a million — he's one in a billion," said his mom.

"They say there have been other cases of people who drink a lot without getting very drunk, but the alcohol shows up in high concentrations in their blood, but with Rex it doesn't.

"He can drink a quart of vodka at one sitting and blow zero on the Breathalyzer machine."

Diane admits she has become very unpopular with the other mothers in the neighborhood.

"Their children know that I let Rex drink," she said. "I know it might put the other moms in a difficult situation but that's not my concern.

"If their kids were alcohol-immune like Rex is, I'm sure they'd do the same thing."

11-year-old boy drinks booze by the quart – and never gets drunk!

Doctors say Rex is a rare case — he's one in a billion.

MEDICAL WARNING

Underage drinking is not only illegal — it can kill you. DO NOT try this at home.

DRUNK POLL

Is Diane Simmis right to let her 11-year-old son guzzle booze just because it doesn't make him drunk?

YES! It's her son and she should be able to do whatever she wants.

NO! Even if booze doesn't make her son drunk, alcohol isn't good for a child.

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2. Drive a heap! If you're behind the duct-taped wheel of a smoking, wobbling-wheeled junker no one else would want, you're going to be safe. Count on it.

3. Skimp on gas! If you keep a minimal amount of fuel in the tank, the thug won't get very far!

So make it a habit to buy only a couple of dollars worth of gas at a time and keep that needle in the red zone!

4. Lots of gadgets! Get a fake cell phone so you can pretend to be calling help if someone approaches you.

Carry a tiny, handy, ultra-bright key chain light that can briefly blind and confuse an attacker.

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...no matter how wimpy you are!

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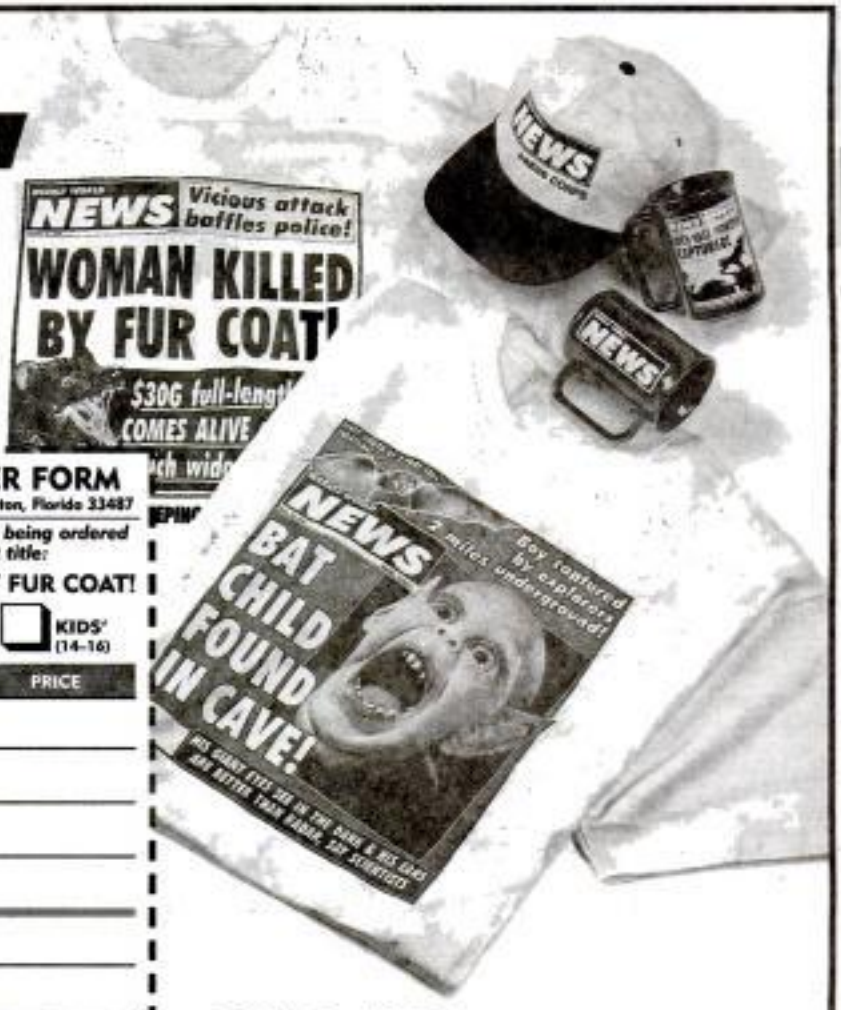

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● Think about the source of your suspicion.

If you "heard it from a friend who heard it from a friend who heard it from another he/she's been messin' around," look for more reliable information. On the other hand, discarded condoms under the couch or a single strange earring found in the bed sheets isn't good news.

● Noticing a change in your relationship or her behavior would make your suspicion reasonable.

If they cut you off in the bedroom or suddenly "discover" startling new positions is one clue.

Slipping the tongue to your best friend is another. Receipts for gifts you've never seen or for meals you've never eaten are questionable.

Seeing their cars parked at the local Hot Mattress Motel at 2 p.m. on a workday is also pretty solid evidence.

● Trust your instincts. If you think that your boy- or girlfriend or spouse is cheating on you, confront them.

If the answer is, "Oh, no honey.

Of course not! How could you even ask such a thing? You know I love you and only you (kiss-kiss)," but you simply don't believe her, make sure your mistrust is based on something you witness or experience.

Then talk it out, see a counselor or tell the rat to hit the bricks!

Here's what to do if you DO catch your sugar cheating on you:

If they're caught, consider your physical health and emotional well-being.

Could he or she be putting you at risk for sexually transmitted diseases?

Can you deal with being one freight car on a long train? Or are you going to forgive and forget?

If your sweetie is cheating, it doesn't always mean she doesn't care about you.

Have you been spending enough time and attention on them? Are you a slug in the sack?

If you feel like you still care and if you want things to work, then the two of you need to make some changes or find new partners.

Better luck next time!

— *By PAT WELLS*

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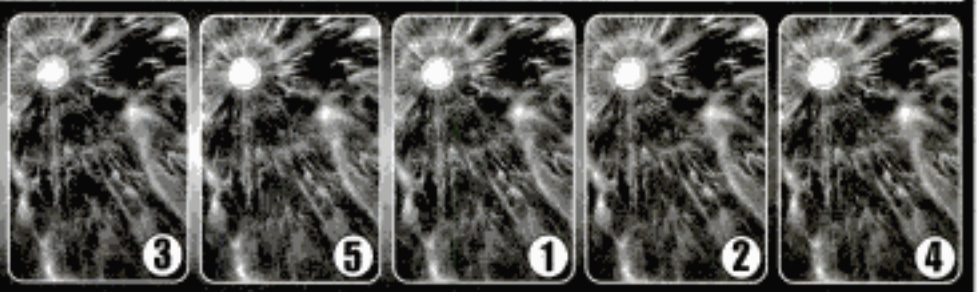

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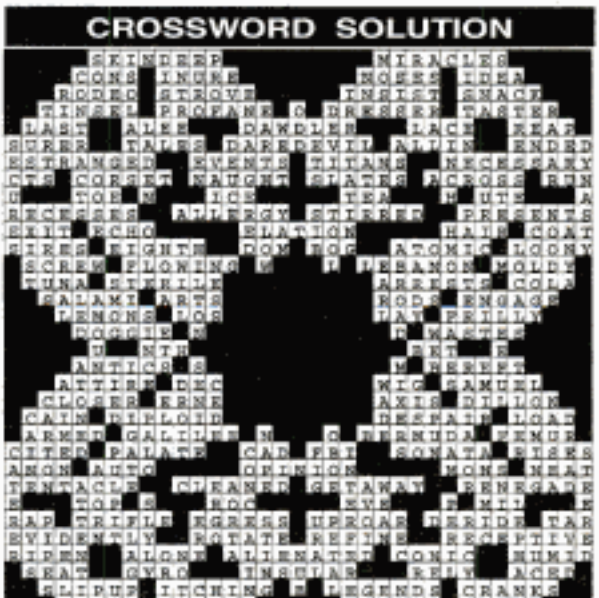

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TAURUS
Apr. 20 – May 20

All signs indicate that an exciting new challenge is likely to come your way in the week ahead. Trust common sense and a chance encounter.

A stubborn streak could lead to trouble — or a solution. Avoid senseless problems by standing up for yourself. You may be confused when long-standing plans are derailed, but make new ones.

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May 21 – June 20

The difficulties you've had to deal with should disappear this week when relatives leave.

You've suffered more than your fair share, but things will get back to normal if you're aware of possible legal glitches.

Keep a stiff upper lip and remember that we're all just dust in the wind. Single out a trusted friend and borrow some funds if need be.

CANCER
June 21 – July 22

Make every effort this week to get a firm grip on your temper. It is stifling your efforts to meet your quota. Someone — or something — out there is trying to make contact. Concentrate on this entity in order to break on through to the other side.

Don't let petty ethics interfere with your determination to achieve financial independence.

LEO
July 23 – Aug. 22

You're on the right track and love hides in mysterious places. Dance with a stranger this week. While your friends and loved ones appreciate your quiet strength, it's time to let them see your superior nature.

Forget those chores you've been postponing — hire someone else to do them. Puttering about in the yard will only lead to an embarrassing accident.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Splurge on a lottery ticket, bingo game or the stock market. Your lucky number is 17!

Use your effervescent glow to your advantage this week and coast for awhile. You've been hiding it because of so-called "medical problems."

It would do you good to sneak off one afternoon to an art museum, tavern or off-track betting operation.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

Meet a friend or loved one and pick a flick with some depth. It'll help clear your mind of cobwebs that are blocking your creativity. All you need is a simple twist of fate.

Plunge ahead on that top secret project you've been dawdling with and don't get tangled up in blue.

Don't get cocky, but be forceful with those in authority. A small dog looms large.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Your words — and conscience — carry extra weight now. A favor — or "candy" — from a stranger could help with a problem that's been bugging you.

Avoid driving late this week.

Something from TV or radio could get your creative juices flowing this week and provide a key to financial independence. But don't be moody — or you'll blow it.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Someone close to you could be touchy and difficult to deal with now.

Choose your words carefully or you'll be packing your bags. You may be tempted to gamble with something you really treasure. Don't do it unless it involves the color green and the letter R.

This week can be a winner if you follow instructions and look both ways before you cross.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Be attentive to new acquaintances over the next few days. One will prove helpful to your sexual self-esteem.

The color yellow can be lucky for you and the number 9 could figure into some financial gain for you in the near future.

Concentrate on gossip this week — this is an excellent time to make monetary gains. Remember, owls fly at night!

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

An uncomfortable personal hygiene situation may make dealings with a friend or family member difficult. Your concern for others should carry you through.

If you're feeling frisky, this is a good time to strengthen your romantic prospects, providing you use protection. Use your mind instead of your heart when dealing with your social life this week.

PISCES
Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

Be ready to grab a profitable financial opportunity that may come your way in the very near future.

Get sound advice from neighbors before doling out cash. You have talent that isn't being used.

This could be the week to launch a creative project or get your car off the blocks. Your sensitivity to people's problems is admirable, but it's ultimately fruitless.

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VIRGO	4, 22, 29, 33, 36, 42
LIBRA	6, 9, 18, 20, 27, 28
SCORPIO	18, 21, 22, 35, 41, 47
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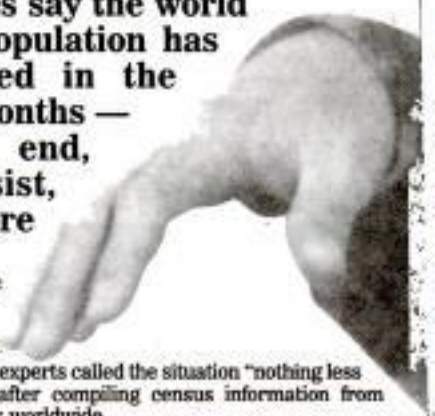

In fact, the task force made up of anthropological statisticians and wildlife experts called the situation "nothing less than terrifying" after compiling census information from over 300 countries worldwide.

Official estimates cite the global zombie population at around 25,000 as late as December 1999.

The new data reveal that over 100,000 functioning zombies now populate various countries and provinces around the globe, with a new zombie taking its first shuffling step every four and a half minutes.

Are you and your family in danger? Yes, the experts say.

"We've always been aware of the zombies but they've never really been a problem until now," Paris-based anthropologist and study coauthor Maurice Clement told reporters at a hastily called news conference here in the nation's capital.

"They always kept to themselves. But now they're breeding like rabbits and venturing into areas that are heavily populated by people.

"To call the situation dire is an understatement. Zombies aren't the figments of some Hollywood producer's imagination — cause unnecessary alarm or terror, these things are lethal.

"They'll tear you apart."

The task force has stopped short of declaring all-out war on zombies, but members did suggest that local governments issue guidelines for dealing with zombies. They also suggested "zombie hunts" in areas where populations of the undead are highest.

And early indications are there are plenty of people who are willing to hunt them down regardless of personal risk

"I fought against a guy named Adolf Hitler and his

ZOMBIES

A new zombie is "born" and takes its first shuffling steps every 4 minutes, scientists say.

— and they're coming to get you!

Zombies like the ones featured in the classic flick, *Night of the Living Dead*, are "breeding like rabbits," say experts.

By CHAD KULTGEN
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the Hell he came from," one U.S. vet told a radio talk show host in Los Angeles.

Although war has not been officially declared on zombies by any country, some local governments around the globe, Germany, France, Romania, Taiwan, Japan and Saudi Arabia, have begun dispensing weapons to their citizens and encouraging them to "kill or capture first" and ask questions later.

So what do you do if you spot a zombie and have nei- | as quickly as possible," said anthropologist Clement. "Get

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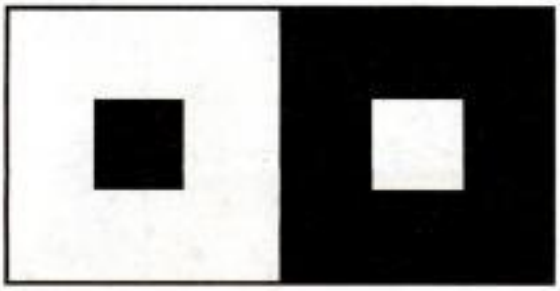
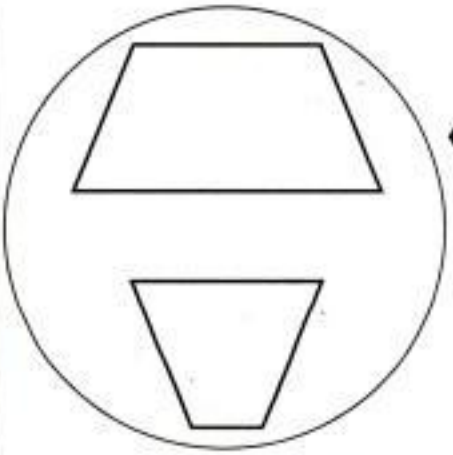


WASHINGTON — Here they are: The greatest optical illusions on Earth, gleaned from academic textbooks and presented here for your amazement. Show 'em to friends. Post 'em at work. Let everybody in on the fun you found exclusively in *Weekly World News*!

Which of the two lines below would you bet is longer? Here's some advice — don't bet too much!

Would you believe us if we told you that the two inner squares are exactly the same size? It's true! Have we ever lied to you?

Does this picture frame look slanted or skewed to you? Well don't let the crazy designs mess with your head — it's as straight as picture frames come!



Here's another example of your eyes playing tricks with your mind — the tops of these trapezoids are the same length!

Your tarot fortune from Page 39 – REVEALED!

Card No. 3: King of Swords
AUTHORITY FIGURE

Love: You are about to get involved with a very domineering personality, possibly a police officer, lawyer or an executive. This will cause a big change in your love life.

Money: A debt or loan will be repaid, with interest. You'll finally get paid for a job done in the past, or a favor that you forgot about will be repaid in a surprising way.

Health: You've been doing what the doctor ordered, or have stuck with the fitness routine no matter

Card No. 5: Hermit
SOLITUDE

Love: If committed, the relationship will be positively affected by a move to a new home. If single, expect a proposal of marriage or moving in together within a year.

Health: Ask your friends and family to back off for a while. You can't be their energy source unless you take time to recharge your batteries and you need to do so now.

Money: A real estate investment or move to a new job will bring financial gain. It

Card No. 1: 9 of Cups
A WISH-COME-TRUE

Love: If you feel like you've been doing all the giving in your relationship, that's about to turn around. You're about to receive all the yummy stuff love has to offer.

Money: Congratulations! The Universe is about to help you find a rainbow with a pot of gold at the end, although the path may be different than the one you expected.

Health: As you wish, so shall it be. Positive thinking will do the trick. If you've

Card No. 2: 6 of Pentacles
REWARDS

Love: Whatever you have wished to happen in a personal relationship is about to, in glorious color! The good luck that comes with this card will stay with you for a long time.

Money: If you are a party in a lawsuit, you will win. Someone in a position of authority will help increase your income. Make sure a moneymaking opportunity is legal.

Health: If you require surgery, it will turn out to be easier than you think. This is a

Card No. 4: 4 of Wands
NEW HOME

Love: The only way to have the partner you crave is to "go into a cave" alone and think about what you really want. When you come out, you'll have it your way.

Money: All signs point to your making money in your own home, either by being self-employed or through using a computer and the Internet. You would be a great teacher.

Health: A change of environment and/or lifestyle will significantly improve whatever ails you. There

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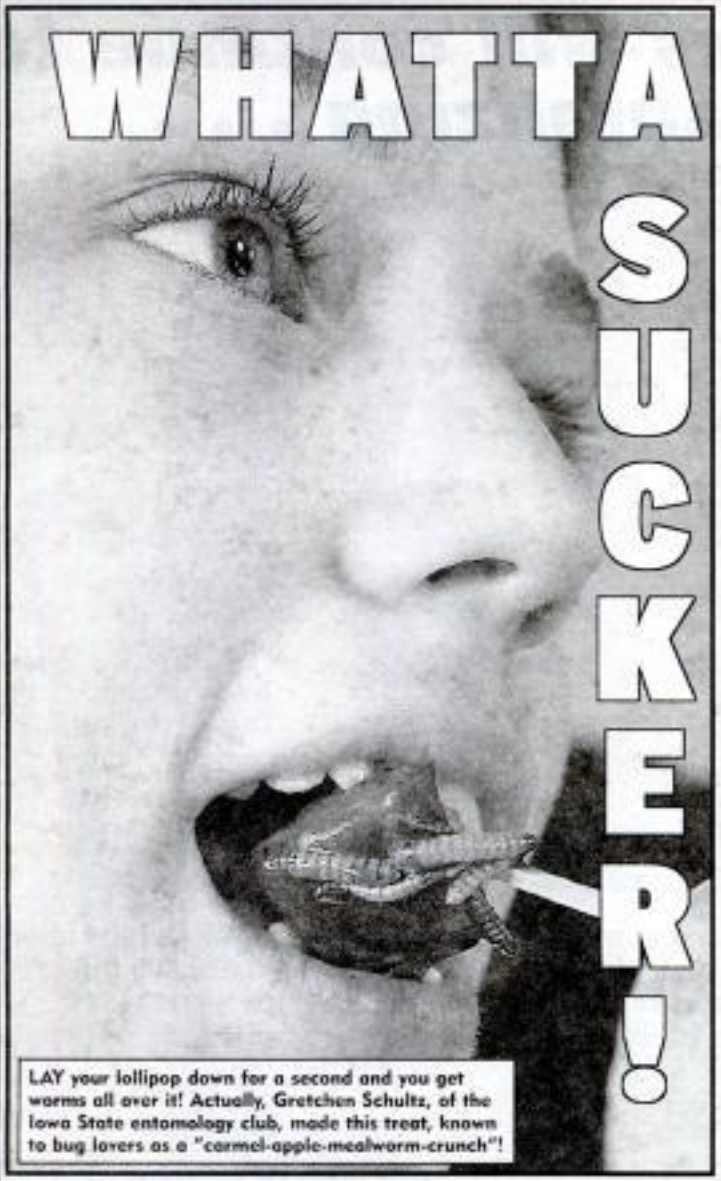
WHATTA SUCKER!



LAY your lollipop down for a second and you get worms all over it! Actually, Gretchen Schultz, of the Iowa State entomology club, made this treat, known to bug lovers as a "carmel-apple-mealworm-crunch"!

MAN GOES 'POSTAL' WITH PORCUPINE POO

EMPIRE, Michigan — A former postal employee is facing three years in jail and a whopping $25,000 fine after he "went postal" and threw two 5-gallon buckets filled with porcupine poo and worms on ex-co-workers and mail.

James Beal, 62, is awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to slinging the stinking slurry after being fired as relief postmaster in Leelanau County, Michigan.

According to an affidavit, Postmaster Virginia Raz called Beal in October and suggested he resign because of poor performance.

"If you want to play rough, fire me."

Beal was immediately fired. The next day, Beal admitted he took two buckets of fecal matter — which he had gathered in the woods — to the post office and threw one at several employees. He then left, returned about 30 seconds later and splattered more stinking muck from a second bucket on mail and another employee.

The incident left the postal workers covered "from their head all the way down to their feet," said the Assistant U.S. Attorney who prosecuted the case. Mail delivery was halted for a day so hazardous waste teams could clean and disinfect the mess.

"I let my anger with this sort of

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● Shakin'-all-over songster Britney Spears is easy on the eyes and just about any man would be happy to sit down and chat with her awhile. Not so guys on the Greek peninsula of Athos — they don't allow females to set foot in their world no matter how hot the babes are. Athos, which juts into the Aegean Sea, contains 20 monasteries,

● Flamingos are not naturally pink. They get their color from their food, tiny green algae that turn pink during digestion.

WASHINGTON — A teaspoon of dirt from a neutron star weighs about 110 million tons. Ten books on a shelf can be arranged in 3,628,800 different ways. And the most coveted ZIP code in America — 12345 — belongs to a General Electric office in Schenectady, N.Y.

That's just a sample of the dazzling trivia *Weekly World News* editors have discovered while researching and writing the terrific stories you see in our paper every week. Here's more:

● George Armstrong Custer's younger brother, Thomas Custer, was the only soldier to win two Congressional Medals of Honor during the Civil War. He joined his older brother's regiment and also died at Little Big Horn.

● Hookers got their title during the Civil War when General Joseph Hooker, of the Union Army, tried to boost morale by allowing prostitutes access to his troops. Quickly dubbed "Hooker's girls," the prostitutes shortened it to "bookers." The name stuck.

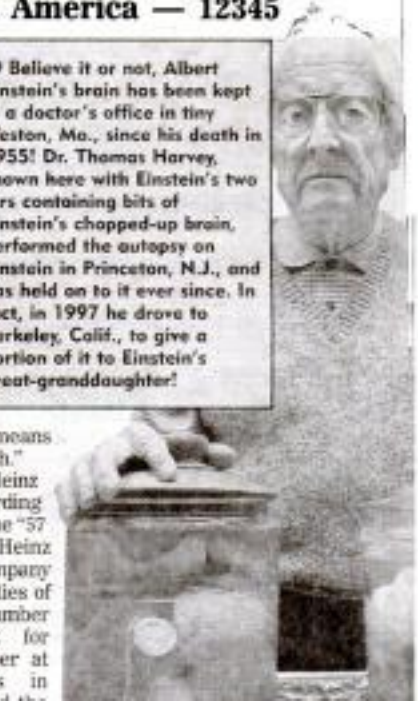
● The highest known flying bird was a Rüppell's griffon, a

was sucked into a jet engine 37,900 feet above the Ivory Coast in West Africa. The plane was damaged but landed safely.

● "Santa" towns are named after saints, as in Santa Barbara, Santa Rosa, Santa Clara, etc. But who or what was "Santa Fe?" The answer: Santa can also mean "holy" and "fe" means "faith" — hence "Holy Faith."

● Founder Henry J. Heinz for "occult reasons," according to a biographer, selected the "57 Varieties" slogan on Heinz ketchup bottles. The company has more than 1,300 varieties of food products. But the number 57 is still significant for Heinz. The phone number at corporate headquarters in

● Believe it or not, Albert Einstein's brain has been kept in a doctor's office in tiny Weston, Mo., since his death in 1955! Dr. Thomas Harvey, shown here with Einstein's two jars containing bits of Einstein's chopped-up brain, performed the autopsy on Einstein in Princeton, N.J., and has held on to it ever since. In fact, in 1997 he drove to Berkeley, Calif., to give a portion of it to Einstein's great-granddaughter!



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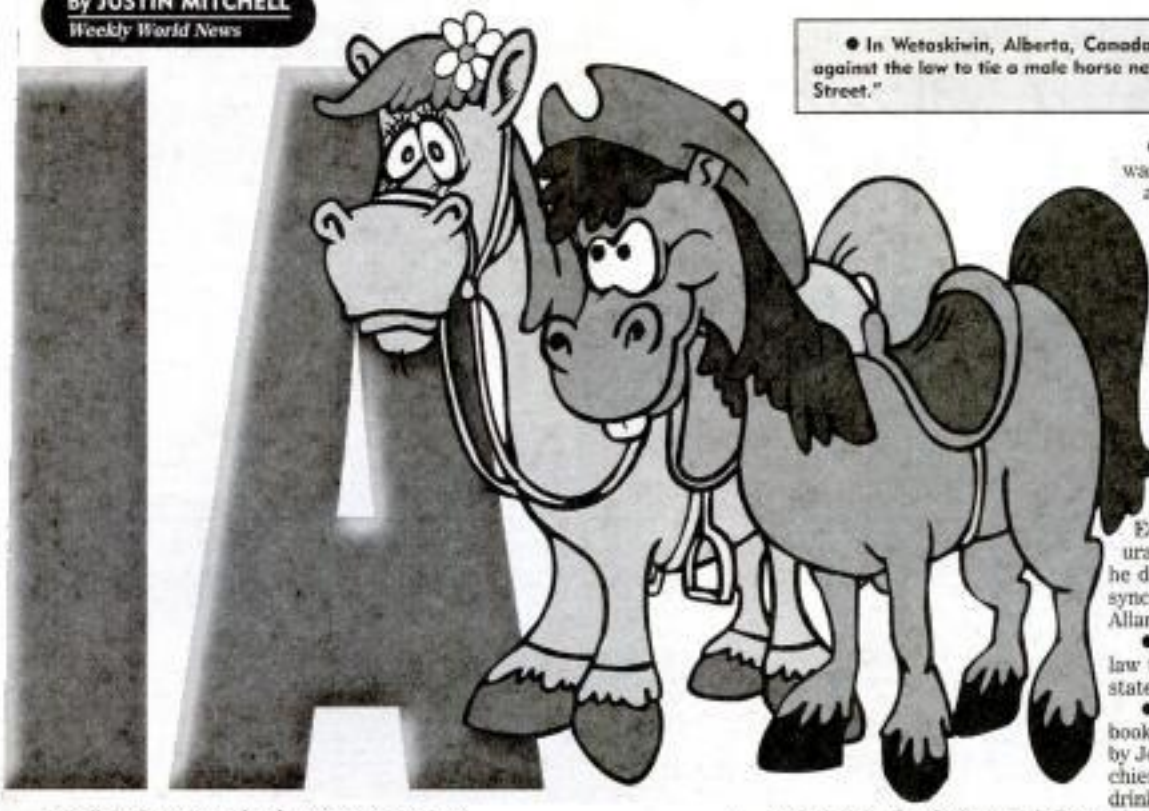


● In Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada there is a law stating, "It's against the law to tie a male horse next to a female horse on Main Street."

● Rollen Stewart, who became famous in the 1980s for holding up "John 3:16" signs at televised sporting events, is currently serving three life sentences in a California prison for kidnapping.

● France and Mexico were involved in a yearlong conflict popularly known as the Pastry War in 1838. Mexico refused to pay for damage done by Mexican army officers to a restaurant run by a French pasty chef in Tacubaya, now a section of Mexico City.

● Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore and Oscar-winning actor Tommy Lee Jones were roommates at Harvard.

● In Web site addresses on the Internet, "http" stands for "hypertext transfer protocol."

● Franklin Delano Roosevelt's birthday is a legal holiday in the Virgin Islands.

● The thumbnail grows the slowest; the middle nail grows the fastest.

● The celebration of the New Year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon over 4,000 years ago.

● Anti-modem laws restrict Internet access in the country of Burma. Illegal possession of a modem can lead to a prison term.

● The worm in tequila and mescal bottles is actually a butterfly larva. The concept of bottling it in the booze was the brainchild of Mexico City entrepreneur Jacobo Lozano Paez, who, in 1950, hit on the idea of putting a worm in each bottle of mescal as a marketing gimmick.

● According to four medical studies published between 1991-1994 smoking may reduce the risk of contracting Alzheimer's disease. Then again, it's possible that smokers die before they develop the disease.

● The Liberty Bell was not made in the United States and it was not rung on the first Fourth of July. It was cast in London in 1752, cracked in 1835, and was not named "Liberty" until the 1830s in memory of slaves seeking their freedom.

● The oldest registered food trademark in the United States is the "Red Devil" logo used for Underwood's deviled ham. It was first registered in 1886.

● When airplanes were still a fresh invention, seat belts for pilots were installed only after their absence was observed to be fatal — several pilots fell to their deaths while

● Bezoars, also known as hairballs, were esteemed in ancient times for their alleged therapeutic properties and aesthetic value, and a gold-framed one was included in the crown jewels of Queen Elizabeth I.

● Elvis Presley had two nicknames for his daughter, Lisa Marie Presley: "Yisa" and "Buttonhead." He called his mother's feet "sooties."

● Film legend Marlene Dietrich was almost as famous for her sexual conquests as she was for her acting and singing. The bisexual beauty was known for having slept with such legends as Frank Sinatra, Edith Piaf, Kirk Douglas, Adlai Stevenson, and even John F. Kennedy — whom Dietrich claimed to have bedded when she was 62.

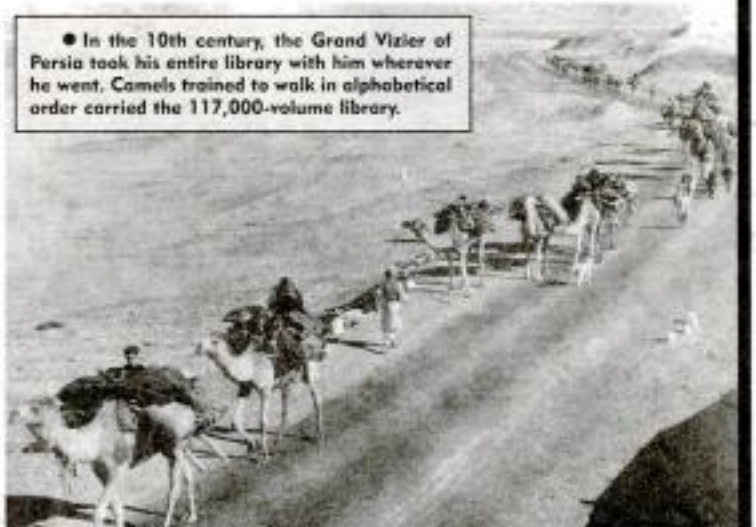
● How did Mr Ed talk? The palomino gelding, actually named Bamboo Harvester, was slipped a pinch of a peanut butter-like substance between cheek and gum. Mr. Ed, being a horse (of course), naturally wanted to get rid of it, which he did by working his lips. This was synched up with a voice-over by actor Allan Lane.

● In New Mexico, it is against the law to ship horned toads out of the state.

● According to the fascinating book, *The Health of the Presidents*, by John M. Bumgarner, the following chief executives were heavy drinkers: Martin Van Buren, Franklin Pierce (died of cirrhosis), James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson (appeared drunk at the inauguration in 1865), Ulysses S. Grant, and Chester A. Arthur.

● Because Napoleon believed that armies marched on their stomachs, he offered a prize in 1795 for a practical way of preserving food. A French inventor, Nicholas Appert who devised canning, won the prize.

● In the 10th century, the Grand Vizier of Persia took his entire library with him wherever he went. Camels trained to walk in alphabetical order carried the 117,000-volume library.



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